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Fatal stabbing a Rubik's Cube of riddles

When people are fighting, who knows what happens?

– APD Detective Sgt. Todd Dokweiler

Paul Mann
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ARCATA – The Easter weekend stabbing that transmuted a humble HSU cul-de-sac into a bewildering and chaotic crime scene resulted in an abortive legal case, riddled with contradictions and inconsistencies.

The reigning paradox of the stillborn charges against McKinleyville chef Kyle Zoellner combines a weapon and a stabbing no one saw.

Case dismissed.

It's as if the stabbing and the legal wrangle focused all eyes on a phantom, on Banquo's ghost; as if a knife animated it-

STABBING RIDDLES ❖ A4



Kyle Zoellner



PLAZA PROTEST Saturday saw a protest during the Farmers' Market over the killing of David Josiah Lawson. Speakers said police had mishandled the case, and demanded an investigation. KLH | UNION

House party turned to tragedy in minutes

Paul Mann
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ARCATA – The horror and pathos that engulfed a Spear Avenue cul-de-sac on Easter weekend showed again how chance, impulse and drugs have ruined human lives since time immemorial.

Centuries of racial enmity, graven in historical memory, stalked the cramped, 60-foot cul-de-sac as well.

Rushes to judgment prevailed, based on the instantaneous conclusion that a white man murdered a black man. Past is ever prologue.

Equally, the death of Humboldt State University student David Josiah Lawson dramatized the old and venerable axiom that the first intelligence from a conflict is often wrong, incomplete and oversimplified, as it is in military battles.

Many facts remain missing, but human nature cannot resist instant judgments. In consequence, the legal complaint against Kyle Zoellner was dismissed for want of evidence. Defense lawyers Luke Brownfield and Kelly Neel were obviously confident about proceeding promptly with the preliminary hearing instead of seeking a continuance. That would have allowed detectives more time to gather vital evidence.

Partygoers jumped to conclusions at the scene. More rushes to

STABBING PARTY ❖ A4

❖ GREEN RUSH

Mack Town cannabis grow OK'd

Jack Durham
Mad River Union

McKINLEYVILLE – A company has received a permit to operate a 5,000-square-foot indoor cannabis grow in McKinleyville's bucolic Dow's Prairie neighborhood.

The Humboldt County Planning Commission voted 4-1 on May 4 to grant a special permit to Northern Emeralds to operate the medical marijuana grow at 5460 Dow's Prairie Rd. south of Crannell Road.

The company, based in Arcata, had an existing 2,500-square-foot grow inside a barn located on the rural, agricultural property. The permit allows Northern Emeralds to expand the grow to a total of 5,000 square feet, which will allow it to cultivate more of its high-end bud, which includes strains such as Titan OG, Purple Champagne and Sapphire Kush.

The company also grows cannabis in 10,000 square feet of mixed-light greenhouses which were built on the property and administratively approved by the county last July.

The special permit for the barn grow would also have been administratively approved, but when the county sent out letters to the neighbors, adjacent property owner William Weigle requested a public hearing.

Weigle told the commission that he has had numerous problems with Ray Christie, who owns the property and leases part of it to Northern Emeralds.

Weigle and other neighbors described Christie's property as dilapidated and strewn with junk and broken down structures. Years ago, Christie was arrested for allegedly being part of a cock fighting ring, but was found not guilty. The county is also dealing with complaints that Christie has chicken coops that are a nuisance.

"I'm really concerned about rewarding a land owner that has violations, that has been involved

BARN GROW ❖ A5



'HALLELUJAH, WE HAVE A TRAIL,' declared Mayor Susan Ornelas, reflecting the sentiments of many at the groundbreaking for the Humboldt Bay Trail North at the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary last Wednesday, May 3. The $5 million trail, 20 years in the making, will connect the marsh with Bracut along U.S. Highway 101. Personing the golden shovels are Dena McCullough of McCullough Construction, City Manager Karen Diemer, and City Councilmembers Michael Winkler, Susan Ornelas, Brett Watson, Paul Pitino and Sofia Pereira. KLH | UNION

Local veterans at war with each other, but peace may be at hand



WARRIORS LUNCH Among the many new events hosted by the Vets Hall, at 1425 J St., are weekly "Warriors Lunches" for senior veterans. KLH | UNION

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – Often as not these days, the Arcata Veterans Memorial Building is the happiest place in town. Under new management since last fall, the venerable hall has come alive with a growing schedule of weekly events for vets and community members of all ages.

But under the surface, a low-level war of sorts has been going on between veterans over use of the hall. Ironically, it centers on the presence of Veterans For Peace (VFP) Humboldt Bay Chapter 56.

While the conflict hasn't yet come to blows, it has come close.

But, in a startling twist last Thursday, peace between the vets may – may – be at hand. But the ideological differences which have divided them aren't likely to evaporate, and the frail truce may have to survive negative reaction from staunch holdouts.

Each side has credible citations and precedents to propel their case. But what seems to animate some stakeholders' positions are deeply held principles definitely not shared by those with whom they disagree.

Vets vs. vets – why?

Technically, the dispute has centered on VFP's qualifications to freely use the facility, which is primarily chartered for use by veterans.

Members of VFP has asked to use the hall at no cost as a monthly meeting place. The group organizes

VETS HALL ❖ A6



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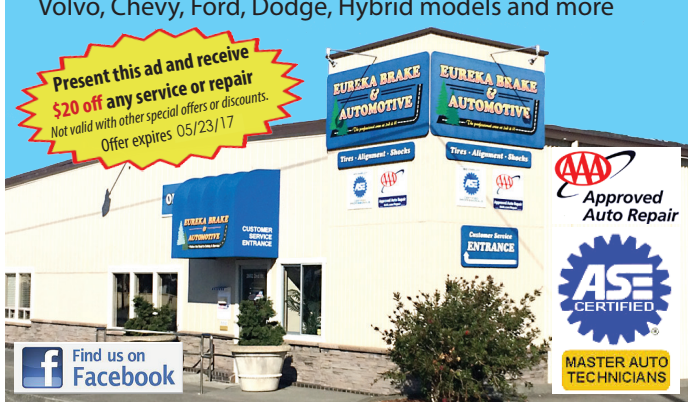
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$3 million sought for McK Community Forest

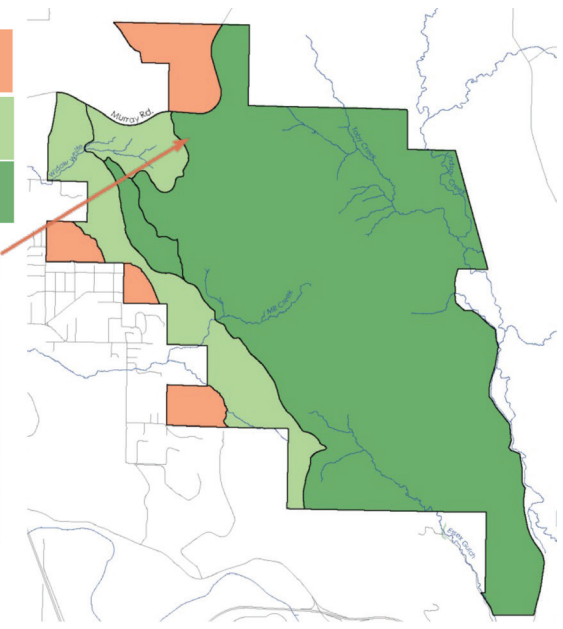
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McKINLEYVILLE – McKinleyville's town board is hoping to obtain a $3 million state grant to create a community forest.

The McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors voted unanimously May 3 to jointly apply for the funding with The Trust for Public Land to acquire about 556 acres now owned by Green Diamond. If the grant application is successful, the money would come from the state's Urban Greening Program, which seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance community parks and trails.

Development Potential	274 ac.
Community Forest	553 ac.
Conservation Easement	2,817 ac.





FOREST PRESERVATION This is one of three options unveiled in 2015 by Green Diamond. There would be a community forest, a working-forest with a conservation easement and property set aside for residential development. The exact size and acreage depends on funding.

FROM GREEN DIAMOND POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

The community forest would be located on a mostly flat piece of land on the east side of town, with access to trails available off Murray, Babler, Gwin and Sutter roads. The forest would provide a recreational greenbelt for McKinleyville and would be managed to create maximum greenhouse gas sequestration, according to the grant application.

"Management goals will be heavily weighted toward growth of larger, older trees; protection of scenic views; and safe and well-used trails" states the grant application. "The project is intended to provide a largely natural outdoor experience. Upper reaches of the community forest will afford views over the coastal plain to the Pacific Ocean. Future improvements are expected to include trail surface upgrades, parking, bench installation, safety features, and educational signage."

The district would also plant additional trees.

"During the grant period, 350 native redwood and Douglas fir trees will be planted on over 10 acres of historically forested grassland, where appropriate forest soils are present," states the grant application. "As these long-lived trees grow and assume their massive mature sizes, they will provide over 1,757 tons of [greenhouse gas] sequestration over 40 years. Even more significant than this will be the [greenhouse gas] benefit from the new, more sustainable forest management practices on the 556+/- acres of community forest."

The grant application also argues that further reductions in greenhouse gas emissions will come from reduced vehicle trips from residents who drive elsewhere to visit community forests such as the one in Arcata.

The McKinleyville Community Forest is part of a bigger project to protect the forest east of town,

In 2015, Green Diamond unveiled a proposal for a wide swath of land stretching from north of Murray Road all the way down to near North Bank Road, encompassing a total of 3,644 acres.

Green Diamond presented three different options. The community forest would range from 426 to 626 acres. Just east of the community forest, Green Diamond would continue to own from 2,744 to 2,944 acres which would have a conservation easement that would protect the property from being developed. Green Diamond would continue to grow and harvest timber on the property. All three options included 274 acres of land intended for residential development.

The exact size of the community forest would depend on how much grant funding can be obtained.

If the grant application is succesful, the money would be available in the summer or fall of next year.

MCKINLEYVILLE CO-SPONSORS HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION The McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors voted unanimously May 3 to co-sponsor a hazardous waste collection event to be held July 15 at Pierson Park. The board agreed to pay 30 percent of the cost of the event, with the total not to exceed $10,000. The event is organized by the Humboldt Waste Management Authority. Last year, 101 households within the district participated in the event, with 6,650 pounds of hazardous waste collected. "This is of obvious benefit to the MCSD wastewater treatment system and the Mad River watershed," states a staff report from district manager Greg Orsini. Last year the MCSD's share of the cost was less than $3,000. More details about the collection will be available in the weeks before the annual event.

STRANDED IN MAPLE CREEK The California Highway Patrol last week rescued a juvenile whose car slid off the road in the remote area of Maple Creek in the mountains south of Blue Lake. At approximately 4:12 a.m. Friday, May 5, Humboldt Area CHP responded to a report of a vehicle that had slid off the roadway in a remote area near Maple Creek. The 16-year-old driver of the vehicle was unfamiliar with the area and was unsure of his exact location. The driver informed the CHP that his vehicle may not be visible from the roadway. Humboldt Area CHP responded several units to search for the stranded motorist. The driver called back multiple times attempting to give CHP units better directions. After several hours CHP finally located the young man. The juvenile was cold and wet from being stranded through the night. CHP units placed the Juvenile in the patrol vehicle for warmth. After speaking with the juvenile, CHP officers discovered he was a missing person out of Montana. Humboldt Area CHP is assisting in contacting the juvenile's guardian and making arrangements to get the young man home safely.

SEE THE NEW-OLD McK FIRE STATION The Arcata Fire Protection District invites you to the McKinleyville Fire Station Open House, held in conjunction with Pony Express Days, Saturday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The station has been renovated and will host the district's admininstrative offices. Meet firefighters, tour the station, see the fire engines and meet the district's public safety partners, including PG&E, Greenway Partners, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Cal Fire, ServPro and Cal-Ore Life Flight. The station is located at 2149 Central Ave.

Council discusses rent stabilization ordinance

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA – The Arcata City Council last week pondered, but didn't pass two ordinances regulating both rent in mobile home parks and one that offers protections to residents when parks close or change ownership.

As drafted, Ordinance No. 1487 notes that Arcata hosts six mobile home parks containing 587 spaces. "These spaces represent a significant portion of [the] low-cost, market-rate, affordable housing supply within the city," states the ordinance.

A Mobilehome Affordability Strategies Study found that almost half of Arcata's mobile home residents spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing. Some 14 percent pay more than 50 percent.

As presented, the ordinance allowed for partial vacancy rent control, a floor of 2 percent, a rent rollback provision and a cap on increases.

Park owners may raise rent 2 percent per year, or lock it to the Consumer Price Index, but not exceed 5 percent, with some conditions should the CPI rise excessively, or fall. Rent increases related to capital improvements are conditioned on prior consultation with tenants.

When residents move away, park owners may increase the rent for that space by 10 percent. Some pass-through increases reflecting utility, government and other costs are allowed.

One provision allows tenants to petition for a rent freeze or rollback if the city manager determines that the park isn't being properly maintained.

Another offers a mechanism for calculating Fair Return by park owners.

Other provisions regulate capital replacement-related increases, billing procedures and noticing and appeals processes.

Ordinance No. 1489 requires due process and protections for residents when mobile home parks change hands or are converted to co-ops. It provides a more lengthy noticing process for residents, including relocation assistance.

Councilmember Paul Pitino asked Community Development Director David Loya why the new ordinance was labeled "rent control," when discussions had been centered around the term "stabilization."

Loya said various studies around which the ordinance was formed had used the "rent control" term, but added, "It's neither here nor there to me."

Pitino said the term "rent control" carries "baggage," and suggests failed schemes tried elsewhere.

During public comment, rent stabilization advocate Hilary Moser agreed that "rent control" wasn't an accurate term. Others suggested that the ordinances be fine-tuned in various ways.

Councilmember Sofia Pereira objected to the 2 percent floor on rent increases, as did Pitino. Mayor Susan Ornelas had problems with some of the wording as well.

Staff will bring back a revised ordinance reflecting tweaks the council would like on fees and the pass-through provision. The 2 percent floor will disappear, with increases tied to the CPI.

Recusal demand denied

An attorney representing FolletUSA, which owns the Lazy J Mobile Home Park, sent a letter demanding that Pitino recuse himself from voting on mobile home issues because his son owns a mobile home in Arcata, creating a conflict of interest.

Pitino responded by saying that he had no financial relationship with his adult son, suggesting that the matter wouldn't influence his judgment. "We have no financial interest; we have no connection between he and I," Pitino said.

He said he checked with the state's Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), where an attorney informally advised him that his son doesn't qualify as his immediate family, not being a spouse or dependent child. Another court case and the city attorney's opinion backed up his opinion that recusal was not mandatory, and up to him.

"As far as I can tell, anybody that is in authority has said, 'You're OK,' so I'm gonna stay," he said.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

While the *Union* strives for accuracy, we also strongly recommend that you verify dates and times prior to setting out to attend any of the following public meetings.

GOVERNING BODY	NEXT MEETING	MEETING LOCATION	MORE INFORMATION
Arcata City Council Meets first & third Wednesday	Wednesday, May 17 at 6 p.m.	Council Chamber, Arcata City Hall 736 F St., Arcata	*cityofarcata.org*
Blue Lake City Council Meets second & fourth Tuesday	Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m.	Skinner Store Bulding behind City Hall	*bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas*
Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District Meets fourth Thursday	Thursday, May 25 at 7 p.m.	Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room	*humboldtbay.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notices*
Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District Meets second Thursday	Thursday, May 11 at 9 a.m.	Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka	*hbmwd.com/meetings*
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Meets every Tuesday	Tuesday, May 16 at 9 a.m.	Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka	*humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx*
Manila Community Services District Meets third Thursday	Thursday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m.	Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila	*manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm*
McKinleyville Community Services District Meets first Wednesday	Wednesday, June 7 at 7 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	*mckinleyvillecsd.com*
McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee Meets last Wednesday	Wednesday, May 31 at 6 p.m.	Middle School Conf. Center, 2275 Central Ave., McKinleyville	*humboldtgov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ*
Trinidad City Council Meets second Wednesday	today, May 10 at 6 p.m.	Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad	*trinidad.ca.gov*
Westhaven Community Services District Meets third Wednesday	Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m.	Westhaven Fire Hall, 446 6th Ave., Westhaven	(707) 677-0798 *wcsd@suddenlinkmail.com*

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Residents ask for Town Center

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McKINLEYVILLE – A group of McKinleyville residents is once again trying to rekindle an effort to create a town center in the unincorporated community.

The McKinleyville Organizing Committee is holding a special meeting Thursday, May 18 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Grace Good Shepherd Church, 1450 Hiller Rd. in McKinleyville to talk about the town center and rally support of the idea.

Creating a town center was called for in the McKinleyville Community Plan, a growth blueprint approved by the county Board of Supervisors in 2002. The center, as envisioned in the plan, would be a pedestrian-friendly, village-like area where people would work, live and shop.

The exact details of what would have to happen when properties in the area are developed were supposed to be spelled out in a town center ordinance, but that never happened. Over time, the issue fell off the radar and was rarely discussed at public meetings.

But about four years ago, the non-profot McKinleyville Organizing Committee was formed. The group is made up of volunteers who held numerous meetings and sought input from the public about McKinleyville needs.



TOWN CENTER The purple area, a large portion of which is undeveloped, is designated as a town center in the McKinleyville Communiy Plan.

Map from McKinleyville Community Plan

Organizing committee member Bonnie MacGregor said that during public input sessions, the idea of a town center kept coming up.

The committee felt so strongly about the idea, that it held a special meeting two years ago to push for a town center.

The idea was brought before the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee, but no action was taken. Now the organzing committee is trying again.

MacGregor said that in order for county planning staff to draft a town center ordinance, it needs approval from the Board of Supervisors.

"Let's just move this forward," MacGregor said about the ordinance.

"If there are good reasons not to do it, we need to know why," she said.

The McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee is also scheduled to tentatively discuss the town center at its next meeting on Wednesday, May 31 at the Middle School Conference Center located behind McKinleyville Middle School at Central Avenue and Railroad Drive.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m.

Eureka had two adult book stores. Now there are none. Citizens of Eureka lodged complaints to the police toward the material sold in Goldie's. They had been warned not to enter if sex offended them. Because of these citizen's complaints, undercover police officers entered Goldie's and purchased eight magazines. District Attorney William F. Ferroggiaro said "A judge has to rule the material bought is obscene before an arrest can be made."

–The Lumberjack, April 17, 1974

Arrest after fatal hit-and-run in McK

Mad River Union

McKINLEYVILLE – A Trinidad man was arrested by the California Highway Patrol early Saturday morning, May 6 following the discovery of a dead man on U.S. Highway 101 north near Clam Beach several hours earlier.

The suspect, David J. Lara, 38, of Trinidad, was taken into custody on suspicion of felony hit-and-run charges several hours after a dead body on northbound 101 was reported in several calls to law enforcement dispatchers around 12:40 a.m. Friday. The man's name will be released pending family notification by the Humboldt County Coroner's office.

As the CHP and Humboldt County Sheriff's Office deputies arrived on the scene shortly afterward, the highway was closed for further investigation for roughly an hour starting around 1:20 a.m. Authorities established that the dead man was a pedestrian killed by a vehicle traveling in the northbound lanes of the highway.

Based on debris found at the scene, authorities concluded that the vehicle involved had suffered significant damage to its undercarriage, which led the CHP to arrest Lara, determining that his 1995 Ford Escort was involved in the incident.

However, based on that same evidence at the scene, the CHP believes another vehicle, possibly a dark-blue pickup truck was involved in the incident, and that the truck may have contained multiple occupants.

Graduation this weekend for HSU

Humboldt State University

HSU – Humboldt State University's Class of 2017 takes the stage in Redwood Bowl for three commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 13.

- 8:30 a.m. – College of Professional Studies
- Noon – College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences
- 3 p.m. – College of Natural Resources & Sciences

More than 2,300 students have earned credentials and degrees in the 2016-17 academic year, and more than 1,750 are signed up to participate in the ceremonies. More than 15,000 guests are expected to attend.

The event will be streamed live online, which viewers will be able to access from a link on the University homepage at *humboldt.edu*. In addition, alternate livestream viewing will be available to visitors in the Van Duzer Theatre.

Due to limited seating, spots are available on a first come, first served basis. A video recording will be available online right after the ceremony, and can be downloaded for free from *commencement.humboldt.edu* in the weeks following.

Redwood Bowl hosted its first commencement ceremonies in 1966 when growing enrollment prompted a move from the courtyard of Founders Hall.

Humboldt State's first graduation event took place at Arcata's Minor Theatre in May 1915, with 15 women receiving teaching certificates.

Cheyenne King, a senior in Psychology and Liberal Studies Child Development, will be recognized during the event as one of Humboldt State's Outstanding Students of the Year. King has put in over 700 volunteer hours with a variety of organizations, and is known for her academic excellence, deep commitment to the campus community and social justice activism.

Abigail Petersen, a senior in Biology, will also be recognized as an Outstanding Student of the Year. Dedicated to studying medicine, Petersen has participated in two research projects, including the North Coast Concussion Program, and was named the first Moonstone Crossing Cancer Research Scholar. CSU Trustee J. Lawrence Norton will be visiting campus and will give remarks at the ceremonies.

For more on commencement, visit *commencement.humboldt.edu*.

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Stabbing party | 'the EMT had difficulty getting through the crowd'

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judgment followed in the days immediately after Lawson was stabbed to death. Emotions overrule facts.

Caucasian Arcata police officer Krystle Arminio heard someone exclaim "This is Compton!" amid the screaming, yelling, running and jostling that confronted her as she crouched by Lawson and administered chest compressions. She and the dying student, foaming at the lips and gasping for breath, were surrounded within a few feet by 10-15 vociferous and angry witnesses, Arminio testified last week.



David Josiah "DJ" Lawson

Days later, African-American Corliss Bennett-McBride, a nine-month HSU administrator, raised the specter of the infamous Rodney King beating in 1991 and the six-day riot that followed the acquittal in 1992 of the four Los Angeles police officers accused of assaulting him after a high speed chase. Video of the beating became a worldwide sensation, but no video or cell phone photographs were introduced by prosecutors in the Zoellner case.

Bennett-McBride spoke at a meeting of the recently established Arcata Public Safety Task Force, of which she is a member. She warned that violence comparable to that surrounding the Rodney King episode could make its way to the redwoods in reaction to complaints about the police department's and medics' handling of the Lawson crime scene.

"You're just pissing people off more and more," she cautioned Police Chief Tom Chapman. "Folks will roll up here and they're already going to be pissed with the 12-hour ride." Lawson was from south central Los Angeles, as are some other African-American HSU students who were at the party.

"When they get here," Bennett-McBride fumed, "you all thought you saw something when Rodney King went off, ironically on April 29, 1992 ... that will come here in a heartbeat because of the unjust pieces that are getting out, because the true stories are coming from the people who were there [at Spear Avenue], and how that's not parallel with what the police are saying."

At an on-campus HSU prayer vigil prior to the committee meeting, Bennett-McBride had decried the experience of being African-American in Arcata and getting a dirty look for requesting an extra slice of cheese at a Subway shop. In response, the African-American students she mentors urged a boycott of local businesses.

Ignoring the principle of "innocent until proven guilty," the HSU student newspaper, *The Lumberjack*, leaped to the conclusion, "This was a racially motivated attack" that should have been charged as a hate crime as well as a murder.

District Attorney Maggie Fleming hastened to confirm that she received no admissible evidence that warranted a hate charge.

The many conflicting elements of witness testimony included the absence of agreement on whether a Caucasian woman blurted out, only a feet from where Lawson lay dying, "I hope the nigger dies" or "I hope his friend dies" – or if either was uttered. African-American witnesses were divided on that score, some saying they heard no such thing.

Witness testimony confirmed the presence of alcohol, one "bump" of cocaine and some marijuana at the party. Lawson's girlfriend, HSU senior Renalyn Bobadilla, said the two each quaffed five shots of vodka from shot glasses in the 40 minutes between midnight and 12:40 a.m. at his Lincoln Avenue apartment. She said Lawson smoked marijuana at the subsequent Spear Avenue bash and she drank "a sip" of red wine from a bottle.

Officer Arminio testified that she met with a hail of screamed obscenities when she reached the crime scene: "Fuck you, you stupid bitch! Fuck the police!"

She had difficulty keeping the crowd at bay, although "no one was blocking me from Josiah's body.

"I do remember the EMT had difficulty getting through the crowd," she added.

Arminio was among the three officers who drew up initially and she was the first to start lifesaving efforts. It took her three minutes to race from the McDonald's in Valley West to the scene. On arrival, "nobody would speak to us" in an atmosphere of obvious hostility. She went straight to Lawson amid some jostling.

Yet a belief took root among spectators and HSU students of color that police and medics were negligent, incompetent and racist. Many were alarmed at what they saw as laggard ambulance service. Some were watching Lawson struggle to breathe as he lay bleeding profusely.

HSU student Elijah Chandler, the soft-spoken but steely friend of Lawson who aided in life-saving efforts (he is CPR trained), told the *Union* before last week's hearing that although the police arrived in record time, they focused entirely on crowd control, not on helping a dying black man. He and Arminio gave diametrically opposed accounts.

Chandler said he had to give Lawson mouth-to-mouth resuscitation because he could see how reluctant either Arminio or an unidentified female EMT was to put her lips on the lips of an an African-American male. To him, their reluctance was obviously racist.

"Why am I doing her job?" he wondered to himself.

On the witness stand, the lanky and astute geology major engaged in a tense exchange with Deputy Public Defender Kelly Neel during cross-examination. Visibly impatient with repetitive questions already raised by the prosecution and perhaps feeling he was being patronized, Chandler became laconic and brusque with his answers.

Sensing his disquiet, Neel asked sympathetically if he were frustrated.

Chandler reflected for a few seconds.

"No, I'm not frustrated," he replied in a monotone, expressionless.

What then? Neel pursued.

"I feel like people don't care."

Pause

"I feel like YOU don't care," Chandler sallied, quietly but forcibly. There was muted pain in his voice.

Neel flushed slightly as the judge ordered the salvo stricken from the record as argumentative.

Stabbing riddle | Murder charges tossed

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self as a motive-free automaton against a random target in total stealth.

The knife conundrum borders on the absurd, legally and existentially.

Compounding the senseless death of Humboldt State African-American student David Josiah Lawson – set in train by a petty, juvenile fight over a missing iPhone – are the mystery and frustrations of an unsolved homicide (was it an accident, self-defense or murder?) and the inability of his grief-torn mother and siblings to find closure.

In ironic parallel are the tension and legal uncertainty that gall the nerves of Zoellner and his family as they await the outcome of further investigation and its unforeseeable results.

All concerned are left hanging in animated suspension by a judge's decision last week to usher out the complaint against Zoellner for want of evidence, physical and otherwise.

As if this were not enough, the calamity has thrown the door wide open on Humboldt racism, inside the closet and out. Race hatred was so venomous and unrelenting in the anonymous comments section of the online news outlet *Lost Coast Outpost* that manager Hank Sims had to shut it down in the immediate aftermath of Lawson's death.

Arcata's political leaders and police department, the Humboldt State administration of President Lisa Rossbacher and local businesses are under fire amid classic white-black animosity of long-standing that is well-known, yet tenaciously denied and resolutely ignored.

Calls for action have been countless and publicized, but to date have been largely empty of particulars except recommendations by HSU's student newspaper for more campus bureaucracy (page 4).

The wish for speed is up against an archaic, cumbersome and heavily overburdened county court system, although Zoellner's preliminary hearing moved forward with alacrity at the behest of his lawyers.

Concerted action is perennially hostage to evident public indifference in a lily white coastal region. Action is hostage as well to feelings of helplessness among people of color, to fiercely held attitudes on all sides, to diametrically opposed perceptions, daggers-drawn cultural assumptions and sacred notions of entitlement.

The politics of division ruthlessly exploited in the 2016 presidential campaign seem likely to reverberate in the nation's consciousness for years. The national nastiness feeds into a closed racial loop with the death of a black teenager in a provincial village cloistered obscurely in the northern reaches of the California redwoods. Arcata police who took the witness stand at last week's preliminary hearing said they met with repeated taunts and unremitting hostility until the crowd of some 50-100 party goers dispersed from 1120 Spear Ave. in the wee hours of Saturday morning, April 15.

Officers heard someone yell, "This is Compton all over again," igniting the fuse of racial animosity that has enveloped Lawson's killing and seems likely to persist, doggedly so.

The invoking of Compton was a cultural reference to the economically devastated inner ring suburb that was notorious in the 1980s and 1990s for gang violence.

The name, loaded with symbolism, also invoked the iconic rap group N.W.A (abbreviation of N*ggaz wit' Attitude) that comprised among other performers Dr. Dre, Ice Cube and Easy-E.

Compton was majority white in the 1950s, majority African-American in the 1970s and majority Latino in the 1990s. It is a synonym for the traumatic social dislocation and the fast-changing racial demographics of California, as the state becomes minority white and more people of color populate the HSU campus.

Minority students say university recruiters keep them wholly and irresponsibly ignorant of the ostracism and lack of inclusion they will confront while living in local society. They say they feel unsafe and marooned.

Whatever the validity of last week's dismissal of the case against Zoellner, HSU students of color and their friends, whether at the deadly house party on April 15 or not, feel profoundly and passionately that they are not understood.

Women of color were weeping and crying bitterly as they left the courthouse Friday afternoon after the ruling by Superior Court Judge Dale Reinholtsen. They denounced HSU President Lisa Rossbacher and reviled Arcata City Manager Karen Diemer as they walked from the lobby at the same time. "All of you are sick!" a black HSU alum, Tina Sampay, cursed and cried.

Both officials attended the ruling and Rossbacher listened to most of the 17 witnesses called by the prosecution last week.

After a two-and-a-half hour review of the evidence and four plus days of marathon testimony, Reinholtsen laid out his reasoning in dismissing the murder charge against Zoellner, 23.

At the forefront of the judge's ruling was that only 16 days had gone by since Lawson's death. Time had been too short for anything approaching an exhaustive investigation.

The preliminary hearing turned up no one who saw a knife or witnessed the stabbing. No forensic evidence lifted from a knife confiscated at the scene – one fingerprint and some fibers – linked Zoellner to the alleged weapon.

No evidence was presented that a 10-inch knife recovered by police underneath a red Mustang was used in stabbing Lawson twice. No witnesses could say who owned it, whether Zoellner brought it to the party, where it came from or how it wound up underneath the car. It was parked in the cul-de-sac just a short distance from the two front steps of a small, single family dwelling which is part of HSU's off-campus housing network. It is listed by California Lifestyles Realty in Arcata for three students at $500 per month per student.

Sixteen days, barely more than a fortnight, were not adequate time to test all of the physical evidence, Reinholtsen underscored. Neither autopsy findings nor autopsy photographs were available as exhibits admitted into evidence. Coroner Dr. Mark Super, who has performed more than 10,000 autopsies in his lengthy career, was not called to testify.

Reinholtsen noted that Super's finding was yet to be returned if the blade of the recovered knife matched the depth and shape of Lawson's stab wounds on his left side in the chest area.

No blood analysis had been made of Zoellner's clothing, other than his hoodie, which reportedly was faced with a kangaroo pocket. If he had a knife in it, no one saw it fall out.

It's an open question whether blood on Zoellner's clothes was Lawson's or Zoellner's own. The defendant was bleeding from punches in the face in an initial fist fight over the missing phone, a squabble apparently incited by his girlfriend with Lawson's girlfriend. He was beaten up again in a second fight, this time with Lawson and others piling on, according to testimony.

In the decisive encounter, a witness, African-American Paris Wright, said he feared Lawson might strangle Zoellner because he had seized him in a combined headlock and body lock with both arms. Zoellner was lying on top of Lawson, Wright said, and he struggled to pry them apart, such was Lawson's grip on his adversary. (Lawson played high school football.)

Yet, like other witnesses, Wright said he did not see a knife, even though the one recovered at the scene was 10 inches long and readily observable. He said he punched Zoellner twice in the face after asking him, "Did you stab my friend?"

Investigators examined a sizable pool of blood on the pavement of the cul-de-sac driveway, hard by the Mustang. Yet paradoxically, no blood was found on the confined grassy area a few feet from the house where witnesses saw Zoellner and Lawson clash.

In sum, none of the physical evidence gathered to date has connected the McKinleyville catering chef to the crime.

"I assume further evidence will be pursued," Judge Reinholtsen said quietly but pointedly.

He suggested more witness interviews were in order, given the large number of people at the party. Presumably many more cell phones warrant examination for photos and text messages transmitted at the scene and after.

As of last week, Arcata police had examined only seven phones. Officers admitted they allowed most of the crowd of 50-100 people to leave before taking their statements or asking to see their phones. Police offered little explanation and were not taxed about the oversight.

The judge did not mention it, but a fellow officer said a detective had handcuffed Zoellner simply because the crowd turned him over, without taking witness statements that would have justified sequestering him in a squad car parked on Spear Avenue.

That raised the issue of officers' unquestioned assumptions, a subject placed front and center by Deputy Public Defender Luke Brownfield when he began his final statement before the murder charge was dismissed.

From the beginning, argued Brownfield, a savvy and cogent lawyer, everybody assumed without foundation that Zoellner stabbed Lawson – that this was an open-and-shut case. Yet witness testimony had been "wildly inconsistent" and "no two stories really match," he said.

"All the testimony is fractured," so much so that even some of the corroborative statements are in conflict, he observed.

The only reasonable conclusion was that someone else must have committed the murder and that unknown person must be found.

That conclusion echoes a statement by Zoellner's family before the preliminary hearing, warning that a murderer is on the loose.

"I don't know who stabbed Josiah," Brownfield said in closing, "but the court should not hold Kyle." Instead, he urged, the court "should direct the DA to continue the investigation, find out who the fingerprint and fibers belong to, and talk to all the witnesses" who have not been interviewed.

District Attorney Maggie Fleming has directed the investigation to continue, as has Arcata Police Chief Tom Chapman.

Prosecutor Roger Rees maintained that the only reasonable conclusion – 180 degrees opposite Brownfield's – was that Zoellner had stabbed Lawson, perhaps moments before the two men tangled for the final time. The pair had scrapped on a patch of grass and rolled off each other as Paris Wright intervened.

A knife of unknown origin was found under the Mustang, parked curbside, scarcely a few feet from where the men struggled on the grass.

Yet Rees, a canny and incisive prosecutor, offered no theory of how a sizable knife made its way underneath the car instead of being arrested by the grass patch.

How far could a 10-inch knife roll across rough, scratchy blades of grass and come to rest near the Mustang's left front wheel on the pavement? How did it transit an abrupt change of surface and textures, from grass to asphalt, with a consequent change in the coefficient of friction? (The front of the car was facing the house).

Mortally wounded, Lawson, ironically a criminal justice/psychology major, made his way across the cul-de-sac, crawling according to one witness and trailing blood on the asphalt before collapsing on another small grassy area on the other side of the cul-de-sac. He lay bleeding to death, grasping feebly at the low hanging branches of a flowering bush that lap down over a high wood fence.

Rees turned to semantics to paint the defendant's guilt. When detectives asked Zoellner, who agreed to talk when he was read his Miranda rights, if he had stabbed Lawson, the suspect replied, "I didn't know anything about it."

That is not a denial, Rees said with emphasis, implying that Zoellner was being consciously disingenuous and tactical.

Yet multiple witnesses testified that the McKinleyville man had been left unconscious by the fight for several minutes. The officer who handcuffed him said he appeared dazed.

Zoellner's family contends he could not have stabbed Lawson because he was unconscious.

That is yet another paradox. Like the "phantom" knife, it typifies the case, edging on the theater-of-absurd dramas of Samuel Beckett and Bertolt Brecht, who wrote, "The man who laughs has not yet heard the terrible news."

❖ FATAL STABBING

Harsh words, sudden fight started it all

Fortune... can bring about great changes in a situation through very slight forces.

– Julius Caesar

Chance rules an empire that renders choice a fool's illusion.

– George Eliot, Middlemarch

Paul Mann
Mad River Union

ARCATA – A chance tiff over a common iPhone led to the violent death of David Josiah Lawson, 24 hours before the High Holy Day of the Christian spring.

Women propelled fortune's wheel at the outset.

Renlyn Bobadilla, "D.J's" girlfriend, stepped from the threshold of a small bungalow at 1120 Spear Ave. at about 2:30 in the morning. She was accompanied by Lawson and two of his many friends, brothers Kyle and Kristoff Castillo.

Immediately the four saw three people about 10 feet away from the two-step wooden stairs to the front door.

The three were later identified as Kyle Zoellner, thin, tall and almost gaunt, with a wispy goatee and brown hair; his long-time partner, Lila Ortega, petite and stocky with blue-dyed hair; and a tall, slender woman with short blond tresses, Naiya Wilkins.

Bobadilla testified that the trio of strangers questioned her and her companions about Ortega's missing phone. A search by Ortega and her friends had turned up nothing as they waited for Zoellner to come pick them up.

By several accounts, Zoellner was the first to speak on his girlfriend's behalf, inquiring courteously as to the phone's whereabouts. Had the four come across it by any chance? He was believed to be holding his car keys in one hand.

Bobadilla began her narrative on the witness stand pointing to Ortega, not Zoellner. Bobadilla and her three companions felt they were being accused of theft.

"I know you stole my phone, you piece of shit!" Bobadilla quoted Ortega as mouthing off.

Ortega had testified previously that when she asked about her phone, the four "got mad, got very aggressive.

"We weren't trying to accuse them," she told the court. "I was being very polite."

Not so, Bobadilla testified. Ortega ordered the three men to turn out their pockets. "I yelled she shouldn't be saying that to my boyfriend!"

Bobadilla called herself "highly protective" of people of color. Like Lawson, the Castillo brothers are African-American.

The HSU senior said she didn't remember how, but suddenly Ortega was biting her breast, sinking her teeth into Bobadilla's flesh and holding on. Photography exhibits placed in courtroom evidence documented the bites, scabs and bruising she suffered on and underneath her left breast. She also suffered a tiny, unexplained puncture wound on one forearm.

Bobadilla said she did not see Zoellner throw punches. She did not say whether any of her male friends landed the first blow as she and Ortega squabbled.

Zoellner's girlfriend, Ortega, testified, "They punched me in the face," blackening her left eye and cheek bone. But she could not distinguish who threw the punch.

Bobadilla said the scuffle, however it began, trailed off in short order. She couldn't explain why or if someone had intervened to break it up.

Within moments she realized, "My face was burning. We all realized our faces were burning."

Ortega's friend, Naiya Wilkins, testified independently that she and another woman used pepper spray on Zoellner's alleged assailants, one or more of the men with Bobadilla. Apparently the men skirmished separately as the women fought, pulling each other's hair and raining mutual blows with abandon.

Zoellner admitted to detectives after his arrest that he had fought with Lawson, but it is not certain whether they clashed once or twice in the two skirmishes that early morning, separated by an indeterminate number of minutes. Deputy District Attorney Roger Rees argued that the stabbing occurred in the second showdown during a "window" of 20-25 seconds and that Zoellner was the perpetrator.

Kyle Castillo said his brother Kristoff was sprayed directly in one eye and took the hardest hit, but the entire group was affected, he testified.

Bobadilla, in shock, walked with her companions from the doorstep to Spear Avenue, a distance of some 60 feet along an asphalt cul-de-sac. It terminates just short of the house. Two parking aprons jut to the left and right, opposite one another, by the front steps. Each cramped parking space is fringed with small, narrow patches of grass where a good deal of blood was found.

"I was freakin' out when we made it to the street," Bobadilla continued. Lawson was on her right, while the Castillo brothers headed to a car parked farther down the avenue to see if their driver was there and ready to leave.

Abruptly, Bobadilla sprinted back toward the house and saw two women, curious and panicky about what was burning her face. "I asked, 'What the fuck did you throw in my face?'"

At that, one of the women bit her breast again "and I punched her in the face," Bobadilla said without hesitation. "I grabbed both by their scalps. They were biting me and punching me."

Lawson, left behind on the avenue to drain his eyes and recover his bearings, turned immediately and headed back toward the house when a third party confided that Bobadilla, Ortega and Wilkins were at it again.

"Josiah was behind me somewhere and I screamed out to him and he screamed 'babe'" in a worried tone, Bobadilla recalled.

Evidently Lawson proceeded past the women as they mutually agreed to retreat from brawling with each other.

His life about to end, Lawson became caught up, voluntarily or not, in a second skirmish, again close to the house and the nearby grassy areas and involving, on and off, as many as 10-15 combatants.

In his last seconds, was the 19-year-old out for revenge for the pepper spray assault? Was he feeling mounting fury that his girlfriend was being mocked, insulted and roughed up?

It is about these fateful, final minutes that witness testimony at the preliminary hearing split sharply, ranging from inconclusive to irreconcilable.

The one undisputed fact for now is that no one saw a knife or witnessed Lawson's mortal stabbing.

What's in store for the Lawson case

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HUMBOLDT – The county's district attorney expects additional information to be gathered in connection with the death April 15 of Humboldt State University student David Josiah Lawson, 19.

The knife that police recovered at the scene will be examined further and blood samples found on various items of clothing will be analyzed, DA Maggie Fleming said in a prepared statement May 5, issued to the press shortly after Superior Court Judge Dale Reinholtsen dismissed the murder complaint against Kyle Zoellner for insufficient evidence.

Any future charges will hinge on available evidence, Fleming said.

She appealed again for anyone with additional and relevant information to come forward.

Fleming said her office contacted Lawson's mother and her pastor with word that the investigation remains open.

Arcata Police Chief Tom Chapman said his focus would remain on the criminal investigation, echoing past statements that the probe of his department's handling or mishandling of the case will have to wait until further notice.

Vice-Mayor Sofia Pereira repeated that the city will review "all aspects of our response to this tragedy."

Her solo statement carried no public endorsement, however, by Mayor Susan Ornelas and the rest of the city council.

Arcata City Manager Karen Diemer, who attended the May 5 court ruling, supported continuing the investigation, particularly more witnesses. The court heard from 17 witnesses in marathon testimony last week, but estimates of the crowd at the crime scene span 50-100 people. Standing next to Diemer just outside the courtroom, HSU President Lisa Rossbacher appealed for patience "in the pursuit of justice."

The university's student-run newspaper, *The Lumberjack*, called on the administration to establish new offices of community integration and off-campus student safety.

In an institutional editorial, the paper inveighed against racial discrimination left unchecked by "town and gown."

"We have been conversing for years now," the paper lamented. "It is time for HSU and the community to stop shying away from the real struggles people of color in the community face."

The editorial zeroed in on off-campus living space. "For every year students of color are denied simple amenities like housing, based on their skin tone; for every semester a minority student feels ostracized and forced out by the community; and for every day a minority student is afraid to walk certain streets, the city of Arcata and Humboldt County and HSU have all failed."

A high-ranking municipal official, speaking without attribution about a sensitive issue, volunteered that housing discrimination against people of color has been rampant for years in Arcata and remains as vigorous and entrenched as ever. Students and others go through the formalities to secure dwellings, the official said, only to be told space is not available after all. Excuses are predictable and transparent.

The Lumberjack, citing HSU's quarterly forums and annual "social justice summits" about race discrimination, said talking "does little more than create a short-term, unresolved conversation about an issue that continues from one generation to the next."

Students of color are adamant that Rossbacher is rarely available on a regular basis and bereft of direct acquaintance with their struggles against bigotry and discrimination.

Handbills circulate on campus with her picture, captioned "Missing."

Sheriff Downey honored upon retirement

Daniel Mintz
Mad River Union

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County Sheriff Mike Downey's 31-year career in local law enforcement ended last week and the Board of Supervisors has honored him for his work.

Downey's work and leadership of the Sheriff's Office are outlined in a resolution approved by supervisors at their May 2 meeting.

Downey moved to Humboldt County in 1986 to pursue a law enforcement career. The Southern Humboldt area was the hub of his first phase of work.

He was appointed to the county's Marijuana Eradication Team and in 1994, he and his family moved to Shelter Cove, where he worked as a resident deputy.



Sheriff Mike Downey

Three years later, he became a sergeant stationed in Garberville.

Downey's work shifted to the northern area of the county in 2003, when he was promoted to lieutenant. His progress continued when he became undersheriff and was elected as sheriff, taking office in 2011.

With numerous deputies and employees of the Sheriff's Office in attendance, Downey told supervisors that stepping down isn't an easy move.

"I have misgivings – I shouldn't say misgivings because the department's in good shape, it's personal stuff," he said. "I'm giving up a position of authority in the county and I'm trying to wrap my head around that, still, but I think it's the right time and the right thing to do."

Referring to the deputies standing at the back of the supervisors chambers, Downey added, "the Sheriff's Office is not me – this is your Sheriff's Office."

Supervisor Rex Bohn told Downey that his "boldest decision" was appointing his undersheriff, Billy Honsal, who will replace Downey as interim sheriff and probably run for office in the November 2018 election.

Honsal said Downey's leadership attributes have been clearly demonstrated over the years.

"Character is revealed over time and his character is just impeccable," he continued. "And I think we all can understand that he is honest, his integrity is true and his intentions are pure."

Honsal added that Downey has been committed to the office's employees. "What he is truly most proud of is his people," said Honsal.

Among the speakers commenting on Downey's career was District Attorney Maggie Fleming, who said the Sheriff's Office is "an outstanding department and Mike's worked really hard at that."

Supervisor Estelle Fennell praised Downey for his commitment to public safety. "There are so many people in Humboldt County who got to come home safe every day because of your efforts and your leadership," she said.

Supervisor Mike Wilson credited Downey for his "strong moral compass" and said he "showed real adaptability to a community in flux."

Honsal began work as Interim Sheriff on May 8.



REMEMBERED Photo of David Josiah Lawson's Celebration of Life on April 20. Photo courtesy HSU

Posthumous certificate for Lawson

Humboldt State University

HSU – Humboldt State University has granted a posthumous Certificate of Achievement to David Josiah Lawson, a 19-year-old student who died on April 15.

The certificate was presented by an HSU representative at Lawson's funeral, which was May 1 in Moreno Valley, Calif. Among those in attendance at the funeral were friends from HSU including members of Brothers United.

Lawson was a sophomore studying criminology at HSU and had been elected president of Brothers United. At a Celebration of Life held on campus on April 20, hundreds gathered as family and friends shared memories and told of his warm smile and his kindness.

Humboldt State continues to provide support for the students, faculty, and staff who have been most affected. HSU is also providing assistance to local law enforcement in investigating the incident.

For support contact the

Office of the Dean of Students at (707) 826-3504; Counseling & Psychological Services at (7070826-3236; and Employee Assistance Program at (707) 443-7358.

Barn grow | Neighbors want property cleaned up first

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in many nefarious, if not illegal, activities and does not very well respond to problems," Weigle said to the commission.

"I'd like to see all this stuff cleaned up and mitigated before you approve any permits for this property," Weigle said.

Other neighbors expressed similar concerns, with one person saying that they've had problems with people shooting guns and riding motorcycles on the property.

But Cody Stross, the CEO of Northern Emeralds, told the commission that his company does not have total control over the property. It only leases a small portion of the land and has been working to remove debris and clean up the site, he said. Stross said he would willing to meet with neighbors and try to address their concerns.

County planning staff informed the commissioners that the county's medical marijuana ordinance was crafted in such a way to focus on permitting grows, and not for dealing with unrelated land use issues on properties.

Before voting, to approve the permit, a commissioner said "The landlord [Christie] is not the applicant."

Some of the commissioners, however, wanted the county to address the problems on the property before approving the permit. Commissioners ultimately voted 4-1, with Alan Bongio dissenting, to approve the permit. Commissioner Ben Shepherd recused himself from the deliberations because he holds a deed of trust to an unrelated property he sold to the CEO of Northern Emeralds.

According to an operations plan submitted by the company to the county, Northern Emeralds plans to install security cameras, motion detectors and alarms at the grow site. The barn will have three layers of security, along with fire sprinklers.

Vets Hall | Unexpected offer to allow Vets for Peace to use hall may resolve long-running conflict

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numerous peacemaking activities and events around Humboldt, including weekly peace vigils in Arcata and Eureka, the annual Marsh Lantern Floating ceremony on the anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing, poetry and art projects, a scholarship and more. It would also like to install a desk and phone to support the G.I. Rights Hotline, which, according to its website, provides information on service members' rights to vets, active members, recruits and their families.

But despite persistent efforts over the past few years, VFP's efforts to gain a foothold at the hall have been rebuffed.

"We've been made unwelcome there in no uncertain terms," said VFP member Peter Aronson.

Hall officials maintain that VFP is a veterans' group in name only. "They've given me no proof that they're a veterans organization," said Jeff Sterling, chair of the hall's House Committee. Sterling, a young former U.S. Marine who has spearheaded the hall's recent revitalization, also serves as county commander of the American Legion. Friday, he was elected commander of Arcata's American Legion Post 274.

Sterling says that VFP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, a general purpose charity, rather than a 501(c)(19), the specific designation for vets groups.

Definitions matter, because the hall is owned by the County of Humboldt, and managed by the American Legion and VFW. A 1991 "Veterans Hall Management Agreement" (signed by Supervisor Anna Sparks and by Marino Sichi on behalf of the American Legion and VFW) lists "county responsibilities" as making the facility available for "meetings of recognized veterans organizations," as well as "community civic purposes."

Correspondence, claims and counterclaims

John Grobey, who served as commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2542 until recently suffering a stroke, also disqualifies VFP as a genuine vets group.

In an Aug. 14, 2016 letter addressed to "To Whom It May Concern," he cites the California Military & Veterans Code section 1260(c), which defines "veterans association" and "veterans service organization" as those "composed solely of persons who served honorably in time of peace or in time of war ..." in the U.S. military or "... as members of the armed forces of any nation whose government was allied with the United States ..."

Grobey quotes VFP's website, which states that "Our membership is open to veterans from all countries and service backgrounds." States Grobey, "... in fact, veterans from North Korea, Iran or Russia would in fact be eligible for membership with this organization ... What this all means is that it is clear that veterans for Peace DO NOT meet the state statutory requirements for a recognized veterans organization, and therefore the language requiring the hall be made available to recognized veterans' organizations does NOT apply to Veterans for Peace."

Grobey further dismisses VFP's community activities as not qualifying as the "patriotic, fraternal and benevolent objects" that the state code requires.

Grobey's letter set off a fusillade of back-and-forth correspondence between county officials and Vets Hall representatives.

In an Aug. 23, 2016 letter to Grobey, County Administrative Officer Amy Nilsen cites a 1946 opinion by the state attorney general to conclude that "... Veterans for Peace is qualified and entitled to use the Arcata Veterans Hall under the same terms as any other recognized veterans organization, including Veterans of Foreign Wars or the American Legion."

Nilsen said that under the current management agreement, hall operators had no "authority or discretion in determining who is or is not a qualifying veterans organization." She further suggested that failure to allow VFP use of the hall could invalidate the management agreement and cause the county to take over operation of the facility.



HALL OF HEROES Former American Legion Post 274 Commander Al Toste, left, holds the Congressional Medal of Honor belonging to war hero James A Taylor, right. PHOTO COURTESY ARCATA VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

Nilsen also notes that state Military and Veterans Code sec. 1261 as limiting the term of lease agreements to 20 years, making the Arcata 1991 Vets Hall agreement years out of date. She states that a revised management agreement will be drafted "in the near future," and that it would "provide greater clarity and certainty to all parties involved" with regard to fees and waivers.

Nilsen gave hall management 30 days to write back and explain how it would make the facility available to VFP "as a recognized veterans organization," but that apparently didn't happen.

Last week, county Senior Administrative Analyst Sean Quincey confirmed that revisions could be in the works. "There's no date set, but we are coming back to the Board [of Supervisors] soon to seek direction about what they want to do with the agreement." This, he said, could include revised language as to "who is handling reservations, rates and maintenance."

VFP does have allies inside the Vets Hall's House Committee. In a Sept. 14 letter to Nilsen, John Kulstad, commander of American Legion Post 274, said that after reading the management agreement and state codes, "I became convinced that the Veterans for Peace had the same rights to the use of the Hall as American Legion Post 274 and Mad River VFW Post 2542." A motion to that effect that he raised before the House Committee was defeated on a 3–2 vote.

Kulstad bases his support for inclusion of VFP on a "big tent" principle, saying he's "befuddled by all the hubbub."

"It doesn't make sense to me," he said. "I think they look for reasons to deny them, and it doesn't make sense to me. The hall is empty 80 percent of the time. The Vets Hall ought to be for all vets, irrespective of the opinions on peace or war. Why alienate a group of veterans because you don't like their positions?"

The committee, or some members thereof, also hired Eureka attorney Bill Bertain (at a cost of $1,600) to defend its position. In a Sept. 29, 2016 letter, Bertain called Nilsen's letter "erroneous, unwise, insufficiently researched and lacking basis in law and fact."

He noted that the 1946 attorney general opinion cited by Nilsen was superseded by the more recent language adopted by the state legislature in 1947 and cited by Grobey, which requires that vets organizations must be composed "solely" of U.S. servicemembers and their allies.

Bertain states that VFP membership is "clearly open to individuals who were veterans from the military forces of the Soviet Union, North Korea, People's Republic of China, Islamic Republic of Iran, Khadafy's Libya, ISIS, Cuba and other rogue nations fully committed to the destruction of the United States, whether currently or in the past."

On Nov. 7, 2016, County Counsel Jeffrey S. Blanck responded to Bertain. He agreed that the 1946 opinion is "no longer of any impact," but maintains that VFP should be allowed in, for several reasons.

First, only U.S. military veterans who provide official Department of Defense separation papers may become voting or "veteran members" of VFP. (VFP's website states, under the heading, "veteran members," that "membership is open to veterans from all countries and service backgrounds," and that they "must submit proof of military service.")

Blanck also cites a lease agreement passage would let the county override the hall management's decision and let VFP in, "provided such use does not interfere with the VETERANS use." (Emphasis his.)

Blanck further noted that the state's Veterans Code allows use of the building to non-veteran organizations "either free of charge or for stated compensation ..." He added that the VFW "has not always adhered to the fee schedule and allowed the use of the facility at no charge to other non-profits and non veterans."

He concluded by saying that the VFW isn't required to recognize VFP as a veterans organization, but that, "at a minimum, [it] meets the contract definition of a 'community civic purpose'" and should be allowed use of the hall like other non-profits.

Kulstad followed up in a Nov. 23, 2016 letter to Nilsen. He said that Bertain's letter wasn't authorized by the House Committee, nor even shared with it at an Oct. 27 committee meeting. Kulstad claimed that Bertain's letter was supposed to have been reviewed by the committee before it was submitted, and that it was a "misuse of House Committee funds ..."

Stated Kulstad, "I was physically threatened by John Grobey, the chair. He later apologized." He also said that Grobey threatened to have him removed from the hall "because he did not like my 'tone.' I stayed."

Grobey, whose recent stroke has sidelined him from hall activities, didn't respond to a call for comment.

Member Warren Tindall maintains that VFP isn't a valid veterans organization, is more of a political lobbying group, and supports unilateral U.S. nuclear disarmament. He says that's especially unwise with North Korea issuing nuclear threats.

"They [VFP] have a political agenda I find very nearly treasonous," Tindall said last week.

Former Third District Supervisor Mark Lovelace had attempted to facilitate a resolution during his tenure, though it proved elusive. He supported VFP's use of the hall.

"I believe that according to the code and after review by County Counsel, they qualify as a veterans organization," Lovelace said. "In the broader context, I believe in inclusion – that anyone who served should be let in."

Face-to-face fuss, other obstacles

Any notion that personal communication might facilitate more moderate exchanges is apparently unrealistic. In person, the various stakeholders proved just as adamant as they were composing arguments at a computer.

Aronson said he went to the Vets Hall last fall for a meeting with House Committee members, but it went sour before they even entered the building.

Grobey and Tindall, he said, challenged him on the building's front steps with Tindall shouting and pointing his finger at him, demanding, "Who are you? Why are you here? You are not welcome here!"

"That was weird," Sterling said. But the Marine rose to the unusual challenge and did his duty, which he described as "telling two old men to stop bickering in the street."

Aronson said that when he sat down to discuss the issue with the House Committee, copies of the Koran had been set out on the table. These Grobey used to make is case that "peace is hopeless." It was then that Aronson said he realized the depth of the problem, calling it a "philosophic rift that's not going to be resolved by conversation."

Sterling considers the county's threats to take over the Vets Hall laughable, and if carried out, grounds for a lawsuit. He points to other veterans buildings as examples of county mismanagement and neglect, and vows not to allow Arcata's facility to fall to similar ruin. "The way this place was treated when everything was free, it would end up like Eureka and Garberville," he said.

What sticks – or stuck – in Sterling's craw is VFP's expectation to use the hall for free. The old building needs constant, costly maintenance, and like any business, has innumerable expenses. To cover them, Sterling and his young student veteran cohorts have organized multiple fundraising activities that require daily management. In addition, the hall pays $2,000 a year in insurance. The county, he said, provides a $5,500 yearly stipend to offset expenses, but it doesn't come close to covering everything.

Aronson points to the free use of the hall by local Boy and Girl Scout Troops to show that free use is discretionary. Sterling responds that those organizations are officially sponsored by the Legion, and have been for many years.

Still, Aronson says, the hall's adherence to rules and regs is selective and inconsistent. For example, he said, annual Vets Hall expense reports required by the county and due in March haven't been filed for years. Sterling said the required reports were compiled and submitted this year.

Another sticking point is VFP's accreditation, for lack of a better term. Unlike the American Legion and VFW, it isn't congressionally recognized as a veterans' organization. But, Aronson says it is the only group recognized by the United Nations as representing veterans.

As far as the G.I. Rights hotline VFP would like to establish, Sterling says, "There are Veterans Administration systems in place for that. One thing this place is not, is the VA."

Breakthrough

As this story was being prepared late last week – and perhaps, Aronson speculates, in part *because* it was – Sterling softened his adamant position. In an unexpected email message to Aronson, he offered to allow VFP to meet at the hall for a nominal fee ($25). At its Thursday night meeting, Aronson said VFP members embraced the offer.

"We are so pleased, surprised and a bit bewildered that all of a sudden it's OK and all the ducks are in a row," he said. "This was our hope going forward."

In his email, Sterling was conciliatory. "The old guard of petty high school shenanigans have been retired with the old building staff," he said, "and we are now here to support all veterans."

He invited VFP to participate in the joint Legion/VFW Memorial Day event at Greenwood Cemetery on May 29 at 9 a.m., and the group eagerly accepted the invitation.

"I believe participation in such an event together sends a powerful message that this community of veterans acknowledges and respects one another despite ideological differences."

Aronson said VFP would like to continue meeting the first Thursday of each month, and would like to do so at the hall unless it displaces any other current users.

He said it holds the possibility of ending a dispute that has simmered and flared for more than 20 years. That's how long it's been since VFP member Bill Thompson first tried to have secure VFP's use of the hall, and was turned down.

The new agreement may not sit well with Tindall, who continues to adamantly oppose VFP's presence at the hall. "I thought this issue had died and we had moved on to more important things," he said in an email message. "I hate to see it revived!"

Meanwhile

As all the heated drama took place behind the scenes over the past few months, the hall continued to expand its community offerings.

Weekly "Warriors Lunches" are being held Wednesdays at 1 p.m. Last week's fare included spaghetti and salad.

This Sunday, May 14 will see a Mother's Day Brunch, plus a Rummage and Crafts Sale. The sale runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; brunch is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Swing dances featuring frequent appearances by the CR Jazz Band take place the fourth Friday of each month.

With improving weather, barbecues are being held outside on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, at 2 p.m.

Game Night is Wednesday at 5 p.m., is free but restricted to those 21 and over. Any kind of game is available, from board games to shuffleboard.

A June 5 concert will feature a rock band, to be announced. The hall will even launch backpacking trips this summer.

These and more activities may be discovered at *arcataveteranshall.org,* and on the Vets Hall Facebook page.

The hall got a couple of huge boosts last week, both in terms of morale and financial backing. Army veteran Wayne Coldwell donated $10,000 to help fund hall operations, including the Warriors Lunch.

The hall was also honored with a visit by James A. Taylor, who was awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor for extreme heroism during the Vietnam War.

On Nov. 9, 1967, Taylor, a first lieutenant, dodged enemy bullets during a battle outside Que Son to rescue fellow crewmen. Even taking shrapnel from an exploding mortar round amid a cloud of machine gun fire didn't stop Taylor from pulling wounded soldiers off the battlefield and rushing them to medical aid.

For this, Taylor received a field promotion to captain, and eventually attained the rank of major. He was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Lyndon B. Johnson one year later.

The American Legion meets at the hall at 6 p.m. the first Friday of every month. The VFW meets at 5 p.m. every third Saturday of the month. The House Committee meets at 2 p.m. the last Thursday of the month. The Marine Corps League meets at 6 p.m. the last Thursday.

Public Safety

Supervisors consider role of Measure Z committee

Daniel Mintz
Mad River Union

HUMBOLDT – The role of Humboldt County's advisory committee on Measure Z public safety tax spending was discussed by county supervisors as they gave direction to spend on items outside of the committee's recommendations.

The county's Board of Supervisors was given a budget update and made several decisions – including giving direction on the use of unspent Measure Z revenue – at their May 2 meeting.


Mike Wilson

With the use of $220,000 in unspent Measure Z revenue up for discussion, supervisors supported requests that were unique to their districts and not included in the Measure Z Advisory Committee's list of recommendations.

Supervisor Estelle Fennell supported giving the Garberville Sanitary District $60,000 in Measure Z money to pay for new fire hydrants.

The district requested $120,000 in an application that is not included in the Measure Z committee's list of primary and secondary recommendations.

Supervisor Mike Wilson said his preference is to have Measure Z funding prioritized through the committee, as that process is transparent and "robust."

"I'm not so into some of these add-ons, at the end of this process," he said. "I would rather have that budget go back to the Measure Z committee in the next round."

Supervisor Rex Bohn also had doubts. Noting that the hydrants requests didn't make the Measure Z committee's primary or secondary recommendation lists, he said fulfilling it is "going completely off the reservation."


Ryan Sundberg

But Supervisor Ryan Sundberg said the Board of Supervisors should have leeway when funding choices are made.

"Most of the recommendations we get, we honor," he said. "We're the decision-makers though ... and if there are things we know about that are raised to a priority and we think they should be funded, I think that's our prerogative."

Supervisors directed staff to include their requests in the upcoming year's Measure Z spending.

The final group included the $60,000 for Garberville area fire hydrants, $50,000 for Boys and Girls Club staffing, $40,000 for a Ferndale police patrol vehicle, $60,000 for the Eureka area's Mobile Intervention Services Team and $9,200 for a gate at Mad River Beach to prevent late night disturbances to nearby farms and residential properties.

The status of Measure Z was part of a budget review and update presentation.

A decrease in spending and the use of emergency funds combined with an increase in revenue has put the county in a better than predicted budget condition.

The budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1 is expected to be "very close to balanced," said Assistant County Administrative Officer Elishia Hayes.

But costs related to deferred building maintenance and ADA improvements remain unaddressed and Hayes said proposals from U.S. President Donald Trump's administration could lead to $7.6 million in funding losses.

Another outstanding cost is a $500,000 shortfall in funding for the first phase of the county's jail expansion project.

Chief Probation Officer Bill Damiano said that if the cost gap isn't covered in the upcoming budget, it could widen because delayed projects become more expensive due to time-sensitive factors like inflation.

"The $500,000 can easily become $1 million," he said. "My concern is for my (department) and the (Department of Health and Human Services) and the resource center that's going to be located in there as well as making sure that we get moving on the construction of this project because right now, we're at capacity in the jail."

The jail expansion project's main source of funding is $16 million from the state and County Administrative Officer Amy Nilsen said a variety of county departments are working on an estimate of the staffing costs associated with adding space and programs to the jail.

Supervisors approved the Measure Z committee's main list of public safety funding items along with their additions. Measure Z revenue for the upcoming year is expected be $11 million, with $4.4 million available for the new requests and rest used to continue funding for previously-approved public safety staffing.

Supervisors also approved the Sheriff's Office's request to use Measure Z funds to pay for a radio needs analysis rather than an armored rescue vehicle, along with adjustments to the current year budget.

Finally, an $85,000 loan was approved to cover costs related to the McKay Community Forest.

A proposed budget for the 2017 to 2018 fiscal year will be presented to supervisors on June 6.

City officials confirmed last week that four residents – Stephen J. Harmon, Jason Kirkpatrick, Margaret Stafford and Jim Test – have filed nomination papers for the upcoming City Council election.

–Arcata Union, Aug. 25, 1994

Unlocked cars mined for fungible techno-nougat



• Sunday, April 16 12:11 a.m. The Ninth Street Intergalactic Laundry Tossing Society held its gala kickoff celebration amid the understated elegance of a urine-drenched downtown carport. Stringent qualifications for the elite association consisted of being wiped out on substances regulated by the Health and Safety Code. The founding membership – this dude and some chick – were swept up in the moment as they hurled clothing items about in the vicinity of a white station wagon.

4:05 a.m. One of the many free-range yelling-nonsensically practitioners honed her craft on South E Street, the bellowings unhindered by the blanket atop her head.

8:05 a.m. Nocturnal doorhandle-tryers left vehicles on Foster Avenue in violated state, several with doors hanging obscenely agape and at least one burgled of its fungible nougat.

1:47 p.m. A man in a windbreaker let his Irish Setter run off leash at the marsh oxidation ponds, because his dog would never.

• Monday, April 17 9:54–9:55 a.m. iPods left in unlocked vehicles on Ribeiro Lane and Antoinette Court both changed ownership. Also some sunglasses and makeup.

11:20 a.m. A determined but inefficient burglar broke into a locked vehicle in Martha Court, filling empty suitcases with the owner's belongings, then stashing them under a neighbor's car. It was easy enough for the owner to retrieve the luggage, but he did lose two knives to the thief.

6:42 p.m. Through the magic of drunk logic, it made far more sense for a hospital patient who had been treated to stand in the hallway in his underwear rather than leave.

• Tuesday, April 18 9:16 p.m. An 11th Street store owner was described as "acting crazy."

11:34 p.m. A man in blue shirt and khaki pants left consciousness behind, along with hygiene and dignity, as he luxuriated on the pavement out back of an historic Plaza storehouse, his immediate vicinity freshly furnished with a selection of bodily emissions.

• Wednesday, April 19 6:37 a.m. It may one day be known as the War of the Floors 'round far Valley West. For there, at a motel familiar to police, lodgers in an upstairs room joined battle with other guests in the room below. Each side transmitted its hostility via yelling and banging of objects through the floor/ceiling, and an employee was concerned that the strife would escalate. But when police arrived, peace prevailed.

9:40 a.m. When an H Street woman's purse was stolen, she became trapped in her home because the nicked handbag had contained her house keys.

11:11 a.m. An aggressive dog who'd already attacked a dog in Redwood Park somehow tracked down the same hapless pet in Tina Court, where it was attacked and bloodied again.

• Thursday, April 20 6:47 a.m. An ambitious shoplifter who made off with an entire cart of groceries dutifully adhered to the shoplifter's camouflage dress code, attire in which he was last spotted cavorting about in the bleak netherworld behind the Uniontown Shopping Center, facing uncaring U.S. Highway 101.

7:47 a.m. At the appearance of a cell phone, a group of runners at the marsh placed an unleashed dog back on its lead.

• Friday, April 21 3:41 p.m. Normally a German Shepherd and golden poodle wouldn't have a lot in common other than doghood, and in this case, a lot of panting, because both were locked inside a car on H Street with the windows rolled up.

4:17 p.m. A bag of trim so heavy a woman couldn't lift it was deposited in a Park Avenue driveway.

• Saturday, April 22 3:42 a.m. After her husband spoke aggressively, a woman locked the man outside their home. As she called police, he pounded on the windows.

4 a.m. A man sat with his mother in a gold sedan in the back parking lot of a Valley West motel. From there he called police to tell of the motel's attempts to poison him.

3:15 p.m. A man keeps spitting on someone's windshield in Westwood Court.

• Sunday, April 23 1:07 a.m. A man carrying a blue sleeping bag to match his blue hat walked up G Street, trying car door handles.

3:22 a.m. Four youths pushed each other around in shopping carts around a broken down red Mustang in an F Street parking lot.

• Monday, April 24 1:52 p.m. A woman noshing at a Valley West restaurant observed a truck sideswipe her parked car and drive away. As it happens, video cameras were also trained on the sleazy swipeage.

• Tuesday, April 25 5:53 p.m. Also caught on camera was the Westwood Court windshield spitter.

• Wednesday, April 26 11:43 a.m. Washing clothes was the least concern of a man and woman inside a Valley West laundromat. He was going on about the end of the world, while she just wanted to be taken into custody.

1:29 p.m. A man with dreadlocks and a missing front tooth busied himself with some bits of wood and a meth pipe behind a Valley West business.

2:25 p.m. The lovely, blooming cherry trees on the Plaza had their branches ripped away, leaving them denuded, despairing spires.

8:03 p.m. After more windshield expectoration, the Westwood Court spitter was tracked to an area gas station where he was advised against trespassing.

8:10 p.m. Someone was concerned for the well-being of a man on the corner at Seventh and F streets, who was equipped only with crutches and a six-pack of beer to stave off the rain.

• Thursday, April 27 12:30 a.m. A man with a shaven head ran over trash cans on Sunset Avenue.

12:51 a.m. Someone stopped and robbed an Alliance Road stop 'n' rob. Again.

9:14 a.m. A woman of questionable veracity who had already been chased away from a Janes Road RV park was back again, inside someone's trailer. Resplendent in a golden robe and wearing both a hat and a beanie (with a handy newspaper tucked between the hat and beanie) she claimed the tenant was her grandfather, but seemed rather drug-addled, and was arrested.

11:37 a.m. A man in cargo pants had a sort of business proposition for a Valley West store: unless they gave him $8,000, he would steal property from out front, and would later come back with others, implicitly some hurly-burly allies similarly disinterested in the store's continued well-being.

3:04 p.m. Joey got a bloody nose at the Vets Park.

• Saturday, April 29 7:47 p.m. Alcohol or something comparably mind altering compelled a man on Stromberg Avenue to strive for something more than the perfunctory yelling to himself. Oh, he did that of course, but lacking available materials, was only able to tug ineffectively on someone's front lawn. For this affront to civilization/pathetic display, he was arrested.

8:14 p.m. After a roommate dispute, a 14th Street cohabitant destroyed a statue and stole an espresso machine.

• Sunday, April 30 5:15 a.m. A naked couple behind a Northtown store was seen engaging in "inappropriate behavior."

6:08 a.m. Someone asked that three sleepers on the Plaza be moved so trash collection could be done.

6:21 a.m. With a morning event scheduled at the Community center, someone asked that four to five sleeping campers on the west side be moved along.

5:27 p.m. A partly dressed woman on F Street wore little more than high-top sneakers as she bathed herself in the cleansing waters from someone's garden hose.

Coke, smack spit up after chase

Mad River Union

ARCATA – After a month-long investigation special agents with the Humboldt County Drug Task Force were granted a search warrant for 42-year-old Tito Bryant, his vehicle and his residence, located in the 500 block of H Street in Arcata.

On Thursday, May 4 at 5 p.m., agents located Bryant driving his vehicle in the Arcata area. With the assistance of a Humboldt County Sheriff's Office deputy, a traffic stop was conducted at a gas station located on Samoa Boulevard in Arcata.

Once Bryant stopped his vehicle, he fled the area on foot. The deputy and special agents gave chase as Bryant ran south on Samoa Boulevard. As he turned to run north on K Street, two unidentified citizens tackled him, holding him on the ground. Within seconds the deputy and special agents arrived and detained Bryant in handcuffs.

After he was detained it was evident that Bryant was having a difficult time breathing. Upon closer inspection, the DYF sgents could see that he was attempting to swallow narcotics. But Bryant was unable to swallow the drugs, and spit them up. In his mouth had been approximately 16 grams of suspected heroin and approximately one gram of suspected cocaine.

Since the agents didn't know if Bryant had ingested any narcotics, he was taken to the hospital. While he was being examined, the DTF agents served the warrant at Bryant's residence. There, they located an additional of 14.2 grams of suspected heroin and 1.6 grams of suspected cocaine.

After being medically cleared, Bryant was arrested and booked at the Humboldt County Correctional Facility for possession of a narcotic for sale, transportation of a narcotic, tampering with evidence and resisting a peace officer.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Humboldt County Drug Task Force at (707) 444-8095 or the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Tip Line at (707) 268-2539.

New Public Health director

Department of Health & Human Services

HUMBOLDT – Long-time Department of Health & Human Services employee Michele Stephens has been named the departments director of the Public Health Branch, replacing Susan Buckley who retired in January.


Michele Stephens

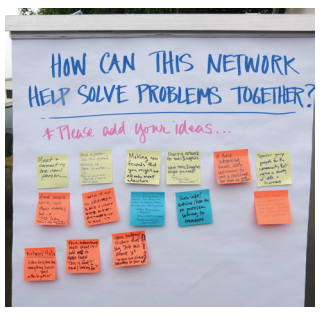
Stephens joined DHHS in 2006 as a social worker, and has served as both a supervisor and manager in the department's Child Welfare Services Division. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Child Development and a Master's in Social Work, both from Humboldt State University.

The new branch director's priorities include working to further align Public Health activities with department- and community-wide efforts, and addressing the county's high mortality rates associated with alcohol and drug abuse.

Stephens said she's additionally interested in community efforts to reduce the impacts of pre- and postnatal substance use, and better integrating services for children and families.

MIXING IT UP





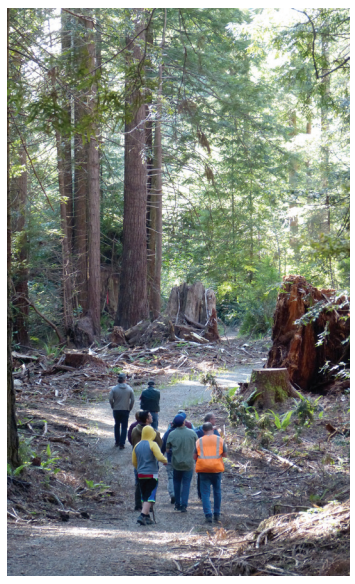
WRANGLED The Arcata Chamber of Commerce's First Thursday Mixer took place at Ninth Street's Wrangletown Cider Co. last week. Beverages were swigged, delicacies noshed, problems re-imagined, left, and sparking conversations had, below, with Perta Sennot and Alex Stillman. TOP PHOTO BY SOME GUY; OTHERS BY KLH | UNION



LOOKING IT OVER



GRADED Arcata's Forest Management Committee took to the woods last week to inspect and score last year's sustainable timber harvest. Environmental Services Director Mark Andre said the results were "all positive," with committeemembers finding the requisite care had been taken with the modest harvest. Below, the Jolly Giant Dam also got a look-over. It's being upgtraded to withstand a 500-year storm, with new spillway and redundant water bypass. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION





MAKING IT WORSE



DEGRADED April was unkind to the Arcata Bottom, or rather, neglectful imbeciles were. From the old Demello farmhouse at Old Samoa Road and V Street, above, to Liscom Slough, below, graffiti and garbage – some including toxic chemicals – polluted views and waterways. PHOTOS COURTESY TED HALSTEAD











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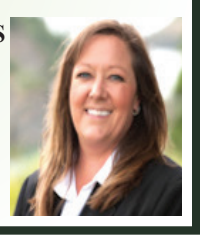
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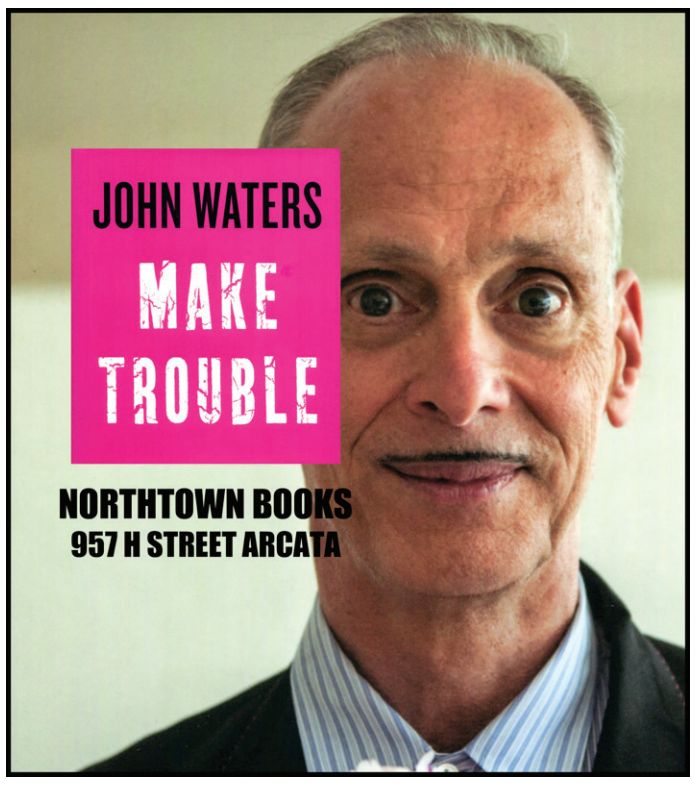
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OpinioNews

Former Public Works chief sugggests sewer alternatives

First there were the Native American Indians. They lived on the hill north of Seventh Street and east of the freeway; don't know what they did for waste disposal. Then came the city founders; they used outhouses and compost privies.

The settlement became Arcata and the city elders installed sewer collector lines to Arcata Bay. Two interesting items from that early work are 2-foot x 6-inch clay lines, some still in use, another was flushing manholes that worked just like a toilet. When they filled with water, the trap opened and the sewage flowed into Arcata Bay. No wonder Arcata has so much inflow into the old part of town. The early system was designed with both sewage and drainage.



❖ GUEST OPINION
Franklin R. Klopp

In the 1950's, the oxidation pond was constructed. One statement I found was that the pond was to be constructed as large as possible. The south end of the pond went to fill for a trestle that had been used for tracks hauling rocks to the bay entrance. The west side was Jolly Giant Slough. Two important wastewater (sewage) features of the oxidation pond was an aeration pond and a settling pond for pre-treatment of wastewater.

In the late 1950's, the city built the first clarifier and digester. Later, a second digester was added.

In 1970, the Humboldt Bay area formed the Humboldt Bay Wastewater Authority (HBWA), with a plan to construct wastewater collection lines on both sides of the Arcata Bay, then from Eureka, under the bay to a wastewater treatment plant on the Samoa Peninsula. This plant had a bypass system for the storm water that used dilution to meet the wastewater standards.

The City of Arcata made a strong effort to stop the HBWA plan but as the state said, an ocean discharge worked in San Diego so it will work for Eureka-Arcata.

HBWA was moving along smoothly until the City of Arcata received a financial estimate that stated that even though the city had doubled the wastewater rate, they would have to double the rate again.

At which time I (Franklin Klopp, public works director) met with Roger Story, city manager; Dan Hauser, mayor; Sam Penninsi, councilmember; and stated, "This is going to cost a lot of money and we should try to get out of HBWA one more time."

So, with George Allen Ph.d raising fish in the oxidation pond, Robert Gearheart Ph.d teaching Environmental Engineering at Humboldt State, Councilman Dan Hauser being Arcata's board member of HBWA, as well as many local participants, they proceeded to get HBWA dissolved. The Arcata Marsh and Wildlife design alternative was created after;

1. Dr. Gearheart introduced Arcata to the Mountain View Sanctuary District which was using a marsh to treatment wastewater and

2. Dr. Allen said a "C" student asked, "Why not use the Sanitary Landfill Dump as a marsh?"

In 1981 or 1982 the current system was constructed, but the marsh was not part of the treatment system. The Arcata Marsh and Wildlife System was not accepted as part of the wastewater treatment process until 2015.

Which brings us to 2017 and $20, which is a lot of money, and also with some alternative options available as in 1978.

The first is that the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary was not constructed for wastewater treatment, but to meet the Bay and Estuary Policy (another long story). With improved circulation, adding baffels in all three marshes, Dr. Allen, Dr. Gearheart and Mr. Hauser; circulation, retention, water quality and the state's discharge requirements will be met.

The improvements in 1983 had a design flaw, the City of Arcata constructed a pump station on First and G streets to reduce the flooding in Sunny Brae. For 35-plus years, the effluent from that pump station has flown directly to the oxidation pond with no pre-treatment. My suggestion is to take the First Street effluent to an aeration ditch for pre-treatment similar to the initial design of the oxidation pond and use Pond One as a settling pond, as was the initial design. The new expensive proposal is the opposite design, with retention first, then aeration.

The proposal in the Facility Plan Update calls for an oxidation ditch for all effluent when, in fact, an oxidation ditch for the First Street Pump Station sewerage may be all that is required. The design could be an aeration pond with baffels in pond one.

The last point is Dr. George Allen raised salmon and trout in the oxidation pond water by mixing the wastewater with bay salt water. The mixing caused the ammonia to become ammonium gas. For a number of years Arcata had a constant flow of marsh water through a fish tank. The amonia reduction requirement by the State is not necessary as can be proven from past studies.

Franklin R. Klopp is a retired City of Arcata public works director and co-founder of the Arcata Maarsh and Wildlife Sanctuary.

Who says you can't fight city hall?

Rent control a bad deal

And so it begins. Wednesday, May 3the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance 1487 – a Rent Control Ordinance for Mobilehome Parks. (Sorry, Paul Pitino, a rose by any other name…)

This is the culmination of two years' worth of discussion on trying to control the base rents being charged in mobilehome parks within the city limits of Arcata.

It has been a calculated attack on the property rights of the mobilehome park owners. While trying to protect low-income seniors and families with children, the City Council has lost its way.

This way was being rammed through by a small minority of Lazy J Ranch residents urged on by Paul Pitino.

One of the more interesting items to come out of Wednesday's meeting is that Paul Pitino has a son who lives in one of the homes, in one of the parks that will affected by this ordinance. This is very enlightening.

Whenever I run across things that make little sense the cynic in me wants to know "qui bono" or who profits. For the past two years Paul has gone to dozens of meetings and given many talks and speeches about rent control in mobilehome parks, and yet he has never mentioned his son and the conflict that this represents. Now for the fun part! Paul got to determine if he has a conflict of interest. WHAT?

He did this research and determined because his son is not a minor child living with him, Paul does not have a conflict of interest. REALLY?

Many of the people in the Arcata City government and especially on the City Council simply do not understand the optics of what they do and say. OF COURSE he should recuse himself!

He should have never started promoting anything that will have any kind of benefit to anyone in his family.

Not only should he recuse himself from this ordinance he should probably resign from the City Council or be thrown out. I cannot tell you the number of times I have heard, "Well Paul Pitino, the mayor, is for this…"

As for the ordinance, it is a mess. It contains a number of items that were part of a 5 year lease proposal that the residents of the Lazy J Ranch rejected. It contains a proposal on vacancy control that will reduce the rents paid by new, incoming residents to 10 percent less than is being paid by five-year residents of the park. But best of all, it contains a Rent Control Administrative fee that will be passed through to all the residents. Yes, folks, we get an ordinance we don't want and we have to pay for the privilege.

After discussions with some of my neighbors two things are clear:

We want to vote on this ordinance. Put it on the ballot in 2018 as a ballot measure. It is probably going to take at least that long to work the kinks out of the proposal.

We are not going to pay.

Thank you for listening

Jan Phelps, resident of the Lazy J Ranch in **Arcata**

Measure Z for Boys and Girls

A huge thank you to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors from the Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods!

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Seventy-five percent are in single parent households and ninety-five percent qualify for free/reduced lunch. For some, the only really *safe* places are school and the Club. Thank you Supervisors Bohn, Wilson, Fennell, Bass and Sundberg for enabling us to expand the number of kids we serve with the support of Measure Z funding!

Sincerely,
Rod Strom, Chair
On behalf of the Board of Directors and Club Kids, Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods

LETTERS

A generous donation in McK

The McKinleyville Lions Club and the Winter Express committee would like to thank the McKinleyville Area Fund for its very generous donation to the 2017 Winter Express Program.

This program would not be possible without the support of community and organization donations. Winter Express is a program created to allow local children, kindergarten through third grade, the opportunity to have their photo taken with Santa and choose four presents for their loved ones.

We are anticipating the participation of approximately 720 students from six local elementary schools during the 2017 Winter Express event. With the support of the community, we are able to make Winter Express an excursion that the children will cherish for many years to come.

Please visit our website, *e-clubhouse.org/sites/mckinleyville* to view photos of the event. For more information, please call the McKinleyville Lions Club at (707) 839-3768.

Ann Pinske, Secretary
McKinleyville Lions Club

Make the LJ worth looking at

Re Jennifer Savage's eloquent letter last week ("Alarming LJ Editorial"), I'd like to say, huzzah!

That paper, *The Lumberjack,* once a fine example of student journalism, has, under Marcy Burstiner's (complete lack of) direction, turned into such an embarrassment both in content and layout that I literally avert my eyes from it as I go into work in Jacoby's Storehouse every day.

I vehemently second Jennifer's opinion, that it's "flat out terrible", and that trite, ungrammatical pieces about marijuana are unworthy of the paper they are printed on.

For an example of a well-composed, quality student newspaper, check out the Arcata High School *Pepperbox*.

I entreat whoever is in charge of Marcy Burstiner to ask her firmly to actually teach those kids something about white space, spelling, grammar, and reporting – in short, everything that makes a newspaper not cringingly awful.

Jada Brotman
Arcata

❖ HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH, SECOND OF A SERIES

Arcata's architectural history – the Victorian Period

For want of a better designation, the last 20 years of the 19th century is classified as the Victorian period.

During the years "gingerbread" houses with sawn, chiseled, and turned ornamentation; complex rooflines and shapes; and towers and bays replaced settlement-era houses of classic simplicity.

But it was also a period of restrained Italianate architecture and stylish little cottages with modest ornamentation. Because of the community's size and the economic make-up of its population, it seems probable Arcata never had many houses of true Victorian style.

Only a dozen or so examples of Italianate, Queen Anne, Eastlake and their combinations survive as part of Arcata's architectural heritage.

Italianate

Two-story Italianate houses were built with low, hipped roofs; bracketed cornices; grouped windows, often round-headed; stacked square bays decorated by colonnettes and brackets; and entrance stoops rather than full-blown porches.

Queen Anne

The most eclectic style in texture and form, and thus the most Victorian, Queen Anne houses displayed complex rooflines and irregular silhouettes. Corner towers, bay windows, projecting upper stories covered with patterned shingles, and Palladian windows were common features of the style.

Eastlake

Eastlake actually refers to a type of ornamentation rather than to the basic house form. Houses essentially Queen Anne in form with bays, towers and multiple rooflines became Eastlake by the addition of ornamentation produced by chisel and lathe. Curved brackets, knobs, rows of spindles and "table leg" porch posts were generously applied in Eastlake decoration.

This piece is directly from: Reflections of Arcata's History: Eighty Years of Architecture*, by Susie Van Kirk, January 1979.*

PLACE MATTERS Join the Historical Sites Society of Arcata and the Arcata Historical Landmarks Committee at the Arcata Playhouse at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 21 for a free public event to celebrate the century mark of the Golden State Creamery. Historian Fran Beatty will describe the 100-year history of the Creamery building, in celebration of National Historic Preservation Month and This Place Matters. This Place Matters is a national campaign that encourages people to celebrate historic places that are meaningful to them and to their communities. Refreshments will be served. The Arcata Playhouse is located at 1251 Ninth St. For more information, call Phillips House Museum at (707) 822-4722.



ARCATA GEM This home at 390 Ninth St. in Arcata is Victorian style with Eastlake ornamentation. CITY OF ARCATA IMAGE

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READER WITH CAT Put a bookmark in it and get out to see some art this Friday, including an exhibit of works, above, by Anna Oneglia.

Emerge from your cocoon

ARCATA MAIN STREET

ARCATA – Arts! Arcata, Arcata Main Street's monthly celebration of visual and performing arts is this Friday, May 12. Soak in local art and music at the following locations.

Angelica Atelier 1101 H St. – Wedding Showcase with photography by Jessie Bell.

Arcata Artisans 883 H St. – Paintings by Anna Oneglia and ceramics by Loryn White.

Arcata Exchange 813 H St. – "Sticks-n-Stones, Environmental Artistry," by Gordon Trump; music by Dale Wingett. Wine pour benefits KHSU.

Bubbles 1031 H St. – Bluegrass music by The Kentucky Warblers.

Fatböl Clothing 1063 H St. – Hip-Hop Cypher, open mic with resident turntablist DJ and resident hip-hop MC Nac One.

Fire Arts 520 South G St. – Pottery by Hans Andreas and Peggy Loudon.

Folie Douce 1551 G St. – Paintings by Mike Stengl.

Garden Gate 905 H St. – Art by Ginny Thonson; music by Kenny Ray and The Mighty Rovers. Wine pour benefits the North Coast Regional Land Trust.

Global Village Gallery 973 H St. – "Ayahuasca Visions," by Pablo Amaringo.

Griffin 937 10th St. – Art by Bianca Lago' music by DJ East One.

Hot Knots 898 G St. – Empress Beads by Francheca Hanna and Kerry Donohue.

Jacoby's Storehouse 791 Eighth St. – Music by The Lost Coasters Traditional Hawaiian Band.

Libation Wine Bar 761 Eighth St. – Art by Marisa Kieselhorst; music by Bon Swing.

Moonrise Herbs 826 G St. – Acrylic paintings by Monika Starr; music by Howdy Emerson. Wine pour benefits Humboldt Amateur Radio Club.

Om Shala Yoga 858 10th St. – Oil paintings by JayaShri; snacks and free chair massages.

Pacific Outfitters 737 G St. – "Humboldt State University Honors Painting Program," works by Bonny Ryan, Lexi Adams, Jaqui Lingland, Chelsee Harris, Angela Lojacono, Graham Blanco, Nathan O'Donnell, Kayley Weber and Elisa Griego.

Plaza 808 G St. – "Pieces, Parts, Poetics," by Anna Amezcua. Wine pour benefits North Coast Open Studios.

Plaza Grill 791 Eighth St. – Paintings of local scenery by Yuma.

Plaza View Room 791 Eighth St. – Paintings by Jay Brown.

Redwood Curtain Brewing Co. 550 South G St. – "Various Works," by Sierra Martin.

Sacred Empire 853 H – St. Sterling silver lapidary by Jessica Leasure.

Sanctuary 1301 J St. – "Subjective Realities", a group exhibition of sculptural works by Benjamin Funke and sculpture students from College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University.

Savory 1504 G St. –Works on paper by Jay Brown.

Upstairs Gallery 1063 G St. – "30th Anniversary Juried Exhibition," by the Redwood Camera Club.

Visit *arcatamainstreet.com*, Arts! Arcata on Facebook, or call (707) 822-4500 for more information.



NO ONE'S SLICK AS GASTON Emma Johnstone, Jessica Kaufman, Gary Bowman and Jessi Shieman worship Gaston in Ferndale Rep's *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*. PHOTO BY DAN TUBBS

❖ THEATRE REVIEW

A beautiful 'Beast'

Lauraine Leblanc
MAD RIVER UNION

FERNDALE – At the premiere of Jean Coceau's 1946 film *La belle et la bete,* Marlene Dietrich is said to have stood up at the moment of the beast's transformation and cried out, "Where is my beautiful beast?"

It takes some nerve to stage *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* on the heels of the much-touted live-action film release. Those who love the Disney versions – both films and the Broadway musical – need not fear: the Beast is alive and well in Ferndale.

Disney's Beauty and the Beast premiered at the Ferndale Repertory Theatre last weekend, and fans will find all the magic and more in this production. Director Christopher Kehoe pulled together a magnificent cast and crew to present a musical that is beautifully paced, with the enchantment of the original tale lovingly married to the bewitchment of live theatre.

Elizabeth Hedlund steps into the spotlight to flesh out a wry, yet approachable – and, yes, beautiful – Belle. Jaison Chiand likewise is the very embodiment of the Beast, tempering menace with tenderness. The pair played off each other with great chemistry that was a pleasure to watch.

The crowd favorite, however, was Gary Bowman in the role of Gaston. From his arched eyebrow to his booming voice, he was so perfectly cocky and smarmy that you couldn't help but love him. Likewise, his craven sidekick Lefou, played to perfection by Ivan Gamboa.

The castle servants – Andre

BEAUTY & THE BEAST ❖ B3

Mothers, etc.

Back in my restaurant days, I had to be prepared for Mother's Day. Moms get the day off, at least theoretically, and everyone goes out to Sunday brunch and/or dinner. It's good for business – in fact, typically the busiest day of the year.

Another big day is when kids graduate from college and parents come to watch them walk that walk, taking those first baby steps into the "real" world. It's another big day in restaurants with families and friends in town for the big day. Again, it's good for business.

Somewhere along the line, some geniuses at HSU and CR thought it would be good to combine these and merge grad weekend with M-Day. Do you think it was a business grad? What am I planning for my mom? I'll offer her some choices that don't involve restaurants.



In years past, I've taken her to the **Kinetic Classic**, a made-for-mom affair Sunday, May 14 that comes as the annual madness ramps up leading to the big **Kinetic Sculpture Race** (or whatever they're calling it now) on Memorial Day weekend after the **Rutabaga Ball** (May 20). I don't have time or space to get into the arcane storylines/rules/history now (blame the theory of relativity), but I'll pass along the K-Queens invite to "join the Rutabaga Royal Family on Mother's Day for the Kick Off Parade, and stick around for all the kinetic action," starting at 1 p.m. at the Sacco Amphitheater (near the Adorni Center). They have plans for a Rutababy Buggy Bounce, a Rutabaga Rally and a Push Kart Kinetic Dash, all with kids of all ages in krazy kostumes, with face painting, prizes, food, "special treats for Mom," the "cutest Kinetinauts in Humboldt" and fun, fun, fun ("'til Daddy takes the T-bird away").

Want to mix adult beverages with Kinetics? Check in at the **Kinetic Brew Bash** on Friday (4-8 p.m.) a benefit for the Kinetic Museum, a Pints 4 Nonprofits event hosted by Lost Coast Brewery (not the one downtown, the one near the graveyard). They promise dancing and "live music" (what band? dunno) plus "outdoor fun" on the lawn and an opportunity to "meet the folks who participate in Humboldt County's greatest Race," including "special guest" **PoiSin CanDie**, Rutabaga Queen for 2016. "Designated drivers encouraged."

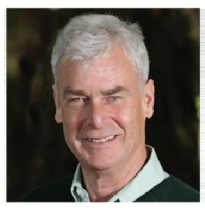
Another option for M-Day: the monthly **Afternoon of Dance** at the Morris Graves Museum of Art has **Tribal Oasis Bellydance** with a "colorful celebration of folkloric Middle and Near Eastern dance and music." (Showtime 2 p.m.) "Tribal" is one style of what we call bellydance, an ancient tradition modernized and improvised.

They envision, "Imagine a roaring fire at the center of a desert caravan's encamp-

THE HUM ❖ B2



MOVED BY THE SPIRIT It was a stunning experience to sing at the Arkley Center last May, when the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir shared the stage with the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Community Choir and almost took the restored roof off. But the Arcata choir is going back to the much loved Prayer Breakfast at the Arcata Community Center, 321 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy., this Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14. Gospel fans can share breakfast, enjoy the music, and dance; there's room for it all – no one will be forced to stay seated! Breakfast starts at a more civilized time this year, 9:30 a.m., with the music starting at 10 a.m. Fresh from their inspiring trip to an international gospel conference in Oakland, the Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir, some 60 voices strong, has a bevy of new songs to sing. Tickets are $15 in advance and $18 at the door, which includes breakfast. Kids 5 and under get in free. Tickets are available online at *PB2017.brownpapertickets.com*, at the door, and at Wildberries Marketplace and The Works. The Arcata Community Center is wheelchair accessible. (707) 822-4444 PHOTO BY BOB DORAN | UNION



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ment. A lone flute begins to play and a dancer rises, undulating to the melody. One by one, drums join in, and more and more dancers surround the fire, moving as one body, flowing with the ever-changing music in a rich tapestry of movement, grace, strength, and beauty." Beautiful indeed.

The gospel truth

My friend Halimah the Dreamah dropped me a line asking if I might "please add this to the Hum," with details on the **Arcata Interfaith Gospel Choir's Community Prayer Breakfast and Concert** on Mother's Day (with s-guests **A Company of Voices** and the **AIGC Youth Choir**). I'm told this is also elsewhere in the Scene, so I'll leave it with the start time: 9:30 a.m. at the Arcata CommUnity Center. I'll add, Halimah is also a KHSU DJ, taking you on **Ethnic Excursions** (Thursdays 3 to 4 p.m.)

KHSU has its own M-Day big event presenting **Amy Goodman** of *Democracy Now!* on her "The Media Is Not The Enemy Tour" at the Sequoia Conference Center (in Myrtletown) starting at noon. They say, "The unprecedented resistance to President Donald Trump's rise to power did not materialize overnight. Grassroots movements have been challenging the establishment for years," as detailed in Amy's latest book, *Democracy Now! Twenty Years Covering the Movements Changing America*. Northtown Books will be at the event, where you can pick up a copy. You can listen to *DN!* at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday on KHSU and/or at noon on KMUD.

Queens, Kings and wild cards

While we're talking family-friendly fun, the **Humboldt County Beekeepers Association** declares, "Long Live the Queen" at **BeeFest 2017** Saturday (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at the Adorni, with info about our precious pollinators, live bees, live music (who knows who?), art contests for kids and adults, a seed exchange and the Native Plant Society with seeds and native plants to promote pollinator-friendly gardens. ("Make seed bombs!") There's a "Honeybee Marketplace" with artisanal this 'n' that and plenty of sweetness in general along with screenings of the acclaimed bee film ***Queen of the Sun*** at 2 and 4 p.m. Viva las bees.

The Kings of Humboldt vinyl soul, the Missing Links, **Matt'n'Adam**, are finally down to **Last Call Soul Night #67** at Humboldt Brews. They ask us, "Who would've ever thought we'd make it this far? After 67 months of sweaty glory, your local Laurel & Hardy are hanging up the championship belts and holding [our] farewell performance Saturday. If this Soul Night was an album, it'd be a collection of the biggest hits and the rarest not-yet-heard cuts – like that Nirvana box set from 2004," or a flashback to 2011, when the city's traffic calming/sidewalk widening project on H put a major dent in foot traffic requiring a rent party to make up the difference. A "Missing Link's Got Soul" dance party paid some bills.

With Jonathan Toubin's "New York Night Train Soul Clap" as a model, the boys dug deep in their crates and got people dancing again and again and created an Arcata institution. This year, they've been counting down toward the end, as Adam prepares to get back to his midwestern roots, while Matt has already moved to the Bay Area (and will likely continue commuting).

So, yes, it's over. That's the bad news. The good news is the dancing will never stop. This last show also includes the stalwart **#Jaymorg** and **DJ Red**, who has been filling dance floors for as long as I can remember. Soul something or other will rise from the ashes of Soul Night with a new name (TBA). But say goodbye one more time and, as Donna put it, "Let's dance this last dance tonight."

Slightly earlier (showtime 8 p.m. same Saturday), across town at the Arcata Playhouse, **Scuber Mountain** is dropping their second album, *Finally, a Band You Can Trust!* like a well-placed punt.

They tell us, as always with tongues in cheeks as they probe tonsils in sloppy kisses, "While you may be accustomed to Scuber Mountain's antics and gimmicks, we decided it's time to give you a completely ordinary show with no jokes or costumes or surprises of any sort. Yes sir, just a plain old white bread show for you. We anticipate an evening of predictable normalcy – an uneventful, simple, smooth-sailing sorta night. We sure would hate for something to come disrupt such an otherwise unremarkable event. But don't worry – nothing could possibly go wrong." What, me worry?

Still earlier (starting at 6 p.m.) at Mad River Brewing Co., **Home Cookin'** has their "only spring gig," with **Fred** and **Joyce** and **Tim** and **Gary** playing slow-cooked, organic, no preservatives added, good-for-you music for your dancing and/or listening pleasure. Good stuff. Good for you too.

Titans Alive

Ready to "**Rock the Redwoods**"? The fundraiser for **Redwood Parks Conservancy** Friday (7:30 to 11 p.m.) at the Arcata Theatre Lounge pairs a silent auction with music by a couple of fine local bands: **Object Heavy** and **Ghost Train**. If you follow the Hum at all, you know about these bands. In their own words, O-Heavy explores "the parameters of soul, rock, funk, blues, R&B and hip-hop," while G-Train offers "an eclectic mix of R&B, funk and soul with a hint of rock 'n' roll." Believe me, they sound nothing alike.

The mission of the conservancy is to "support important projects and programs throughout our redwood parks," which are owned by the government, but would like to do some new things, for example their "Save the Titans" project. Thanks to modern tech, a once-secret grove of ancient giants hidden deep within the park is no longer a secret and now some of our biggest trees are threatened by those who are compelled to see them. The plan: "build a boardwalk and viewing platform that would protect the Titans from any further damage." Sounds like a good idea, and a good reason to go dancing.



BABY BOB Those who know Bob Doran may recognize the luxuriant head of hair, in this recently unearthed photo. PHOTO COURTESY JEAN DORAN

Friday is also **Arts! Arcata** night. You know the drill: art, music, etc. around town. Up at the Sanctuary, it's not exactly a graduation thing, but a bunch of artists from HSU and CR have a group show of sculptural works they're calling ***Subjective Realities***. **Ben Funke** is showing some of his pieces, along the lines of the work he had at the Graves recently, metal work painted in bold, solid colors. He teaches at both schools and serves as the advisor for some sort of campus Sculpture Club. He invited his students and others to share their individual realities. The show is up for a couple of months, with a grand opening Friday with **Pandemonium Jones** supplying an arty, ambient soundtrack.

A good day

Tuesday (the 16th) at the Miniplex, catch a trippy Oakland band called **Sugar Candy Mountain**. The band's bio supposes, "If Brian Wilson had dropped acid on the beach in Brazil and decided to record an album with Os Mutantes and The Flaming Lips, it would sound like this – all psychedelic pop Wall-of-Sound and beach balladry." **Ash Reiter** is the main singer, she's really good and, I'd add, industrious. She's running the **Hickey Fest** for the fourth time in June (16-19) in NoMendo at the Peg House across 101 from Standish-Hickey State Park with a mess of cool indie bands (including SCM of course).

The Miniplex/Goat show also includes the **Opossum Sun Trail**, a local "American primitive/spaghetti western" outfit that I really like. By chance, as I was finishing this up I got an invite from **Chris Parreira** about a second show OST is doing Wednesday, May 10, at Siren's Song sharing the bill with Chris' band **No Pardon**. He's another talented and industrious type; this show is also his birthday party. Buy him a beer or something if you go. Have a good day, Chris. Thanks for all the music. Cheers.

SCI-FI PINT & PIZZA NIGHT See *Cyborg 2087* (1966) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, May 10** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. A cyborg law enforcement officer travels back in time to prevent a scientist from completing experiments that will create an elitist regime with dominion over all humankind. Admission is free with $5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

FRICTION AT THE CENTER The Friction Quartet returns to Westhaven Center for the Arts, 501 South Westhaven Dr., for what has become an annual tradition, **Thursday, May 11** at 7 p.m. Their diverse program includes Mozart's *'Prussian' Quartet*, miniatures by Marc Mellit, as well as some Smetna and Garth Knox's zany spaced-themed *Satellites*. Admission is $5 to $20 sliding scale and refreshments will be available. (707) 834-2479, *frictionquartet.com*

MOKKA MUSIC Good Company plays Celtic tunes **Friday, May 12** at 8 p.m. at Café Mokka, 495 J St. in Arcata. There is no cover for this all-ages show. (707) 822-2228

DIXIELAND JAZZ SERVICE The Lutheran Church of Arcata, 151 East 16th St., warmly invites the community to a special Dixieland Jazz Service and Mother's Day celebration **Sunday, May 14** at 9:30 a.m. The service features the boisterous music of The Humboldt Dixieland Allstars. To complete the New Orleans reverie, hot, fresh-cooked French Market-style beignets and authentic café au lait will be proffered after the service at what organizers bill as the closest thing to Cafe Du Monde Humboldt County has ever seen – dubbed "Cafe Du Monde West." Mothers and all others with mothers are invited to experience the unbridled joy of forgiveness and fresh doughnuts.

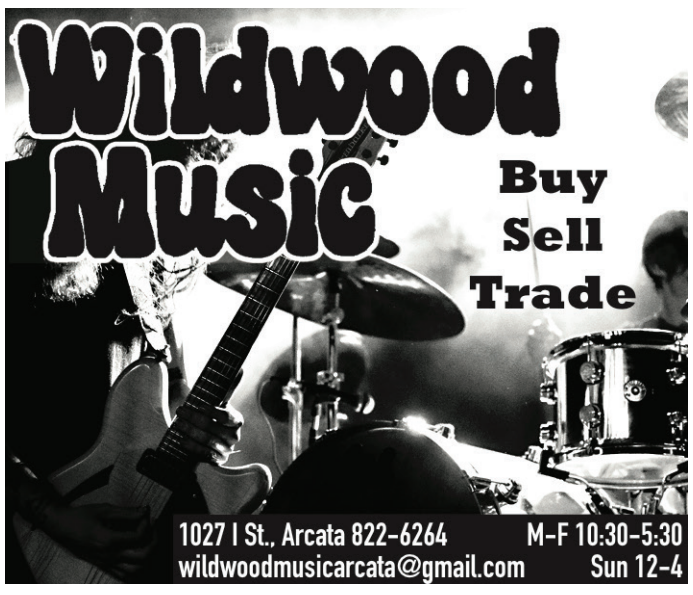
MUSIC FOR ALL SEASONS All Seasons Orchestra presents its free Spring Concert **Sunday, May 14** from 7 to 9 p.m. at the D Street Neighborhood Center, 1301 D St. in Arcata. Their set takes you through history highlighting music from the baroque period, to the classical period, to what some call impressionist music, a patriotic march, show music, a piece written for youth, and a song produced by a folk rock duo. Prepare to enjoy music spanning 400 years of time. This community orchestra is open to all ages and includes strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion. Seasonal performance opportunities are offered throughout the year. For more information, contact the Arcata Recreation Division at (707) 822-7091 or visit *cityofarcata.org/rec*.

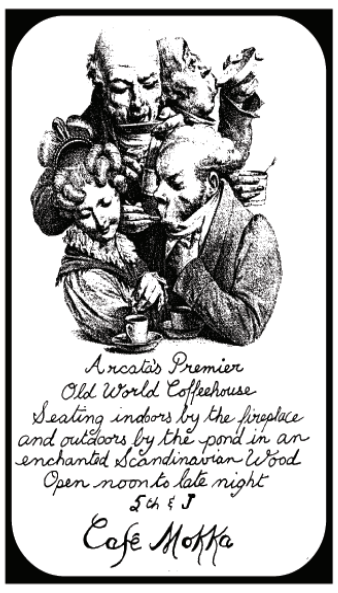
FRICTION AT THE SANCTUARY The Sanctuary, 1301 J St., Arcata, hosts an evening of unique music from world-class musicians **Sunday, May 14** at 8 p.m. The Friction Quartet will present a program of recent compositions that incorporate electronics. Thollem McDonas, together with his filmaking partner AC Villa, return to the Sanctuary for the third time. Together, these two groups of artists will offer a chance to experience new perspectives on American contemporary music. Admission is $10 to $25 at the door. (707) 822-0898, *music@sanctuaryarcata.org*

CUTTING EDGE SCOTTISH MUSIC Elias Alexander and the Bywater Band from Boston play a show of cutting edge Celtic music in the Scottish tradition **Tuesday, May 16** at 7 p.m. as part of the Crib Concert series in Arcata. Their music displays a stunning mix of influences – ranging from rock and blues to funk and moments of wild improvisation – all contained within acoustic Scottish idioms. Admission is by suggested donation of $10 to $25. RSVP to *crib1251@gmail.com* or (707) 499-8516 for address and information. *bywaterband.com*

CALENDAR

VENUE	Wednesday, May 10	Thursday, May 11	Friday, May 12	Saturday, May 13	Sunday, May 14	Monday, May 15	Tuesday, May 16
Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. Sci Fi Night		7:30 p.m. • Rock the Redwoods III	9 p.m. ATL House Party	5:30 p.m. *The Incredibles*		
Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		9 p.m. • Karaoke with KJ Leonard	9 p.m. TBA	9 p.m. TBA	9 p.m. • Karaoke with KJ Leonard		
Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	8 p.m. Free pool	9 p.m. • Redwood Ramblers	9 p.m. • Christina D'Alessandro & the Northcoasters	9 p.m. Dr. Squid	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv
Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata		9 p.m. Zepparella	9 p.m. Elevate	9 p.m. Soul Night #67			
The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	9 p.m. Whomp		9:30 p.m. Idea Team	9:30 p.m. Club Triangle	9:30 p.m. Sundaze	9 p.m. 12BC Productions	9 p.m. Comedy Night
The Logger Bar 501 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake	6:45 p.m. • Cribbage Tournament	8 p.m. Trivia Night	9 p.m. Lost Dogs	9 p.m. DJ D-Funk	6 p.m. Potluck	all day Free pool	all day Free ping pong
Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. Piet Dalmolen	6 p.m. Beer Scouts	6 p.m. The Detours	6 p.m. Home Cookin'			6 p.m. Dogbone
Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. The Yokels	8 p.m. Lovebush	8 p.m. Beer Scouts		7 p.m. Corn hole	
Six Rivers Brewery 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville		9 p.m. Those Folk	9 p.m. Beer Scouts	9 p.m. The Yokels	8 p.m. Trivia Night	8 p.m. • Karaoke with DJ Marv	7:30 p.m. Sunny Brae Jazz



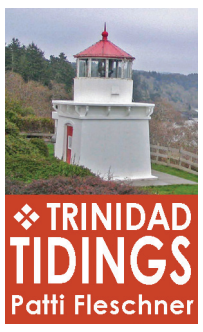






Steen, Shakespeare & Spring Fling

Steen Trump, senior scientist and regional manager of ADH Environmental, was at sea out of San Francisco Bay for two weeks last year and he's heading back this summer.



Steen, along with eight other scientists with the Army Corps of Engineers, consultants from Newfields out of Washington State and others took on mapping a four-mile-by-four-mile Deep Ocean Disposal Site by photographing sediment layers at 35 locations. The dredge materials, said Steen, were "not clean enough for beneficial reuse, at a wetland restoration project for instance, but not dirty enough to have to be transported to an upland landfill."

Steen's shift was from midnight to noon, his bunk was near the noisy engine room and there were some rough seas when research had to be suspended for a few hours, but the project, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, Oregon State University and the EPA, is ongoing, he said, and he's pleased to be a part of the research. A bonus was being able to observe fin whales, black-footed albatross and storm petrels at night.

At Trinidad Library

Library Manager Kirsten Dalziel invites readers to the second Book Club Gathering Thursday, May 11 at 11 a.m., at 380 Janis Ct. Discuss your favorite books, share suggestions for further reading and see new titles at the library.

Howdy Emerson will play his harp at the library Saturday, May 13 at 1 p.m.

Author Glory Ralston presents her second novel, *While the Music Played*, Thursday, May 25 at 7 p.m. Glory, a resident of Trinidad for 50 years, wrote her first short story about her pet turtle at age 6 and has not stopped writing since.

All of the programs above are free of charge and open to everyone.

Shakespeare & Homer

Dr. James D. Johnson, professor emeritus in English at HSU, where he taught for 39 years, presents two OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning) classes today, May 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. and Wednesday, May 24 at the same time.

Shakespeare's *Henry IV, Parts I & II* is on the Ashland Shakespeare Festival program this year and for the May 10 class, Dr. Johnson will present an analysis and discussion of the play suitable for both the general reader and those planning to attend the performances in Ashland.

Shakespeare wrote 10 history plays. Scholars call his four best historical plays "The Henriad" because they follow the story of the fall of deposed King Richard II, the troubled reign of the guilt-ridden usurper King Henry IV, the ascent of his dissolute son Prince Hal to the redeeming King Henry V. Here is a chance to prepare for an excursion to Ashland or to be reminded of the beauty of the English language in a play written in the last few years of the 16th century during the reign of Elizabeth I.

The May 24 course will feature Mary Zimmerman's adaptation of Homer's *Odyssey* and provide some historical, cultural and literary background for Homer's poem and then examine the themes, characters and other aspects of the epic as presented in Robert Fitzgerald's translation. Finally, Dr. Johnson will discuss the choices and changes Zimmerman made in converting the genre of this work from epic poem to a stage play.

Each OLLI class is $35 for members. Contact OLLI at (707) 826-5880 or visit *humboldt.edu/olli*.

School gardeners

Master gardeners Jackie and Zeal recently worked with Big Lagoon School students to learn about soil preparation and planting strawberries.

The school curriculum includes learning about practical skills beyond school. Using sewing machines and practice calls to emergency services have been classroom projects. Students attended the Arcata Playhouse production of *The Frog Prince* and visited Blake's Books in McKinleyville.

Last week, second through eighth graders attended the Wildflower Show at Jefferson Community Center. Call (707) 677-3688 to find about enrolling at Big Lagoon School or to arrange a visit to the school at 269 Big Lagoon Park Rd.

Students of the month

Each month at Trinidad School, retired teacher and Trinidad Civic Club secretary Penne O'Gara presents outstanding students gift certificates for books. She announced the school year's recipients at last week's meeting: Evan Quinlan, Quincy Kelly, Oriah Nagahiro, Chloe Asness, Cody Rheinschmidt, Maelah Henshaw, Sydney Hasselquist and Zaca Leatherwood. Congratulations to these fine scholars.

Get well wishes

Hopeful signs of spring have not prevented illness or accidents. Wellness wishes to Dr. Chi Wei Lin, Carla Powell, Janis Saunders, Anne Odom and Pat Koutouzos.

Spring Fling

Take your mother, grandmother and the whole family to the Westhaven Center for the Arts' 15th annual Spring Fling Sunday, May 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. The Compost Mountain Boys will play lively music. Barbecued chicken, ribs, kielbasa or veggie burgers will be on the grill with pilaf, beans, salads and desserts on the side. There are raffles, kids' art, chair massages and a hula hoop contest besides.

Call (707) 677-9493 for details or visit *westhavencenter.org*.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.



FROM HUMBOLDT, WITH LOVE Lacie McGaughey, a member of Girl Scout Troop 10629, shipped 1,771 books to the Volta region of Ghana to stock a library at the rural school of Mafi Deveme JHS. This completed Lacie's Silver Award project, the second highest award a Girl Scout can earn. Lacie found a good assortment of books for K through 6th graders. She then collected money for the shipping costs, which exceeded $560, to send the 15 boxes of books with Tom's help at the Post Office, above, a week before her deadline! In addition to private donations, Lacie received help from the Trinidad Lions Club, McKinleyville Lions Club, McKinleyville Friends of the Library, McKinleyville Kiwanis and the Eureka chapter of Soroptimist International. Lacie also raised funds by recycling Christmas trees and collecting recycling from donors.

Photo courtesy Cheryl Kingham



GET INVOLVED IN FISH FEST It's the 60th anniversary of the Trinidad Fish Festival this Father's Day, Sunday, June 18. The event features fish dinners, beverages, all-day music, arts and craft vendors, the famous Trinidad Civic Club cake sale, and a kids' zone. Organizers are seeking at least 80 volunteers to make this wonderful day in beautiful Trinidad run smoothly. If you would like to spend an hour or two on Father's Day cooking, serving, or any other of our fun volunteer activities, contact *trinidadfishfestival@gmail.com*. If you are a business, consider signing up as a five- to 10-person business group. Your sign will hang at the location you are working and your business will be listed you as an in-kind sponsor on all printed materials.

It's a lot of work, and the costumes hang from the rafters when not being worn, so they don't collapse from their own weight, said Satloff. It all took up so much space that the men have to run to the scene shop down the alley to change.

All this to say that Ferndale Rep's production of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* is a labor of love, and it shows. It's a show with a lot of heart and a ton of magic – a little slice of Broadway in our backyard.

Disney's Beauty and the Beast runs through June 4. *ferndalerep.org*, (707) 786-5483

Winning gold & talking steel

Sunny Brae Middle School students participated in the Battle of the Books countywide competition for the first time – and won! With the support of their teacher, Lisa Berrett, students Melina Ledwith, Avery Arbaugh, Mary Crow, Sam Gaiera, Noah Meisel and Darby Baskin-Green read numerous books independently, and then joined together as a team to demonstrate their abilities and test their knowledge of what they read at the April 14 event.



Almost 80 students from 11 schools participated. After a series of relays and quiz-show style question rounds, the top two teams met in a final battle at the end of the day. After a riveting tie-breaker with Freshwater School, Sunny Brae secured the first place trophy in the 6th through 8th Grade Division.

The Sunny Brae team read a combined 30 books, including *Al Capone Does My Shirts*, *Heat*, *The House of Scorpion* and *Call of the Wild*. Students read during their own time, and met with their teacher during lunch breaks so she could monitor their progress.

America's Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading incentive program targeting students in 3rd through 12th grades. ABB is a nonprofit organization offering resources to students, parents, schools, librarians, and community members at *battleofthebooks.org*. For information about the next battle, contact Ms. Keller at (707) 441-4505.

'American Prometheus'

Humboldt State University Press has announced its newest publication, *American Prometheus: Carnegie's Captain, Bill Jones* by HSU Emeritus Professor Tom Gage, a historical memoir of Captain Bill Jones, whose inventions and innovations transformed America's steelmaking industry.

Jones built and supervised the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, which in its first five years advanced to the rank of the world's most productive and profitable steel mill. His "hands-on, all over" style solved production problems on the spot, enlisted baseball teams from the Works departments to defuse ethnic strife, promoted the eight-hour work day and patented inventions, including the Jones Hot Metal mixer, which revolutionized the steelmaking industry, all while turning down Carnegie's offers of partnership.

Professor Gage will give a public lecture Monday, May 8 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Library's Fishbowl, Room 209. The author will donate proceeds from the sale of the book to fund the Salaam Cultural Museum of Seattle which provides humanitarian aid to people affected by conflict and natural disaster within the Middle East/North African region, and seeks to bring cultures and people together to build bridges of understanding.

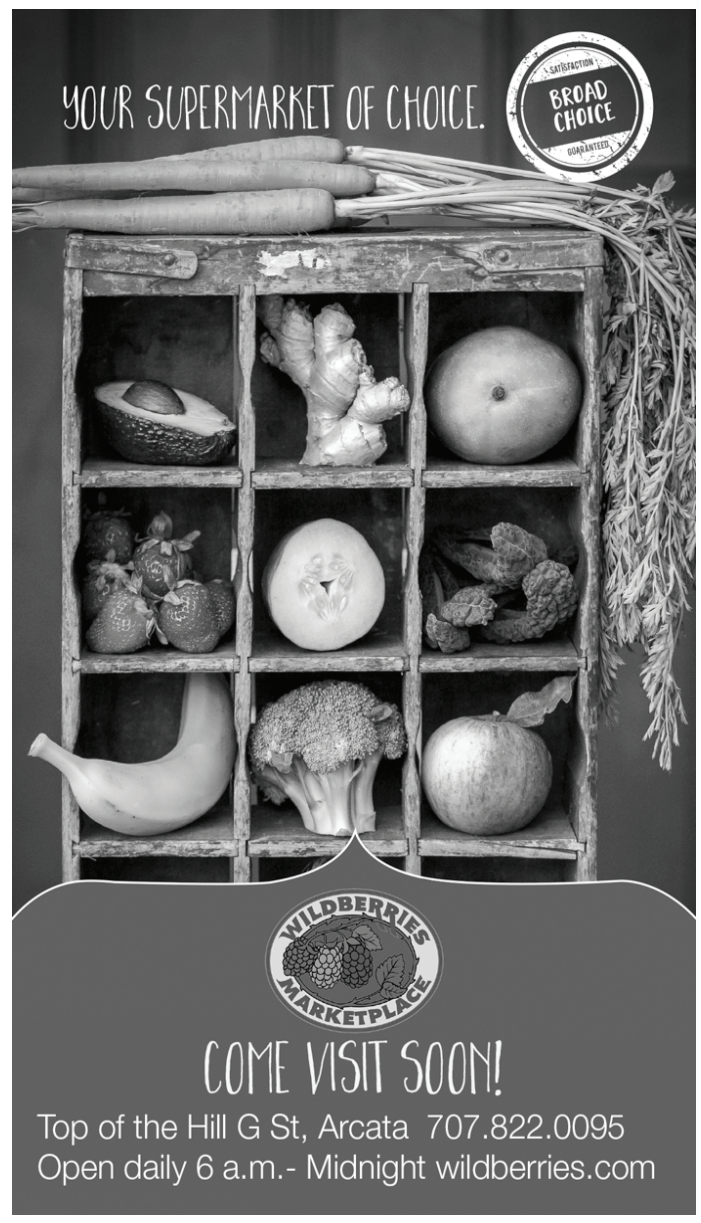
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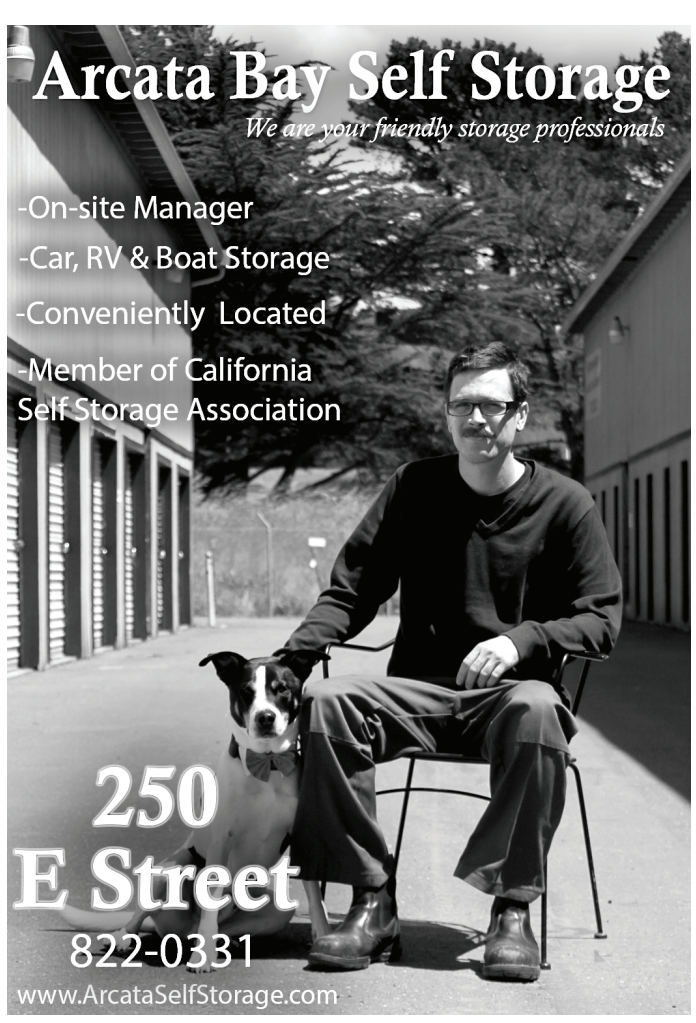
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LaRoque as Lumiere (his French accent magnifique), Tyler Egerer as Cogsworth (those little mincing steps!), Tina Toomata as Mrs. Potts (shining through a spectacular, though cumbersome costume), Kaden Mangrum as Chip (adorbs!), Adrienne Ralsten as Babette (perfectly cast) and the incomparable Alexandra Blouin as Madame de la Grande Bouche (that voice) – each shone brighter than the next. The musical, as it has live actors rather than animated drawings or CGI, gives much more pathos to the plight of the servants, depicting them as devolving into inanimate objects. Well done, all.

Also worthy of much praise was the live five-piece orchestra, in full view of the audience for once, and the chorus, each of whom brought their own special magic to the mix. The musical includes all the songs from the animated film, plus some composed for the stage, some nice additions that add to the character development.

The set was kept simple and props minimal, the better to showcase the brilliant costumes by designer Maryanne Scozzari, an HSU alum now teaching in Santa Rosa. The costumes look like they cost the Ferndale Rep's entire annual budget, but Artistic Producing Director Leira Satloff, who has long known Scozzari, was able to bring her magnificent creations to Humboldt with the help of Jeannie Tyrell and Cindy Shepard.







On The House...



'NEW ON THE MARKET'

One of the best strategies for successfully marketing your home is to make the most of that golden period of time when your property is "new on the market."

New listings receive the most exposure during the first 30 days, when the chances of making a sale are much higher. What selling strategy will position your home to compete successfully with other comparable properties for sale?

Set your asking price within range of similar available properties. Many buyers will start screening the least expensive desirable properties and then work up, so you want your home to be one of the first they look at.

Prepare your home to sell before you list it, so you can open the door of an immaculate home to buyers, even in the first hours it appears on the multiple listings.

Ask your real estate professionals to promote your property intensively during this crucial "new on the market" period, and be ready for results!

For professional advice on all aspects of buying or selling real estate, call Joanie Frederick, Broker, Azalea Realty, (707) 362-0144, or check out our website at www.azalearealty.com.

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OBITUARIES



Shirley Green

Shirley Green died peacefully at her home in McKinleyville with her family by her side May 3, 2017.

Shirley was born Jan. 8, 1934 in Arcata, to Arthur and Helen Molander. She married Wesley Green Sr. April 22, 1954. They were happily married for over 63 years. Wes gave Shirley her nickname "Turkey," which was proudly displayed on their car license plate for many years.

Shirley graduated from Arcata High School and attended Business College in Eureka. She was a stay-at-home mom while raising her two sons, Wesley Green Jr and Victor Green. She was a bookkeeper for her son Wes' business for over 30 years. She also was the first woman in the United States to work for the Fuller Brush Company. Shirley loved children and ran a daycare center out of her home for over 10 years and cared for many children in the Arcata area.

Shirley Green was a member of the Arcata McKinleyville Seventh-day Adventist Church for over 70 years. She loved Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was very devoted to her church. She also volunteered for the Dorcas Society for the needy. She always cared for and had a big heart for the less fortunate.

Shirley looked forward to going to Niveen's restaurant in McKinleyville with her husband. They created many friendships there. Another one of the many joys in Shirley's life was listening to Elvis Presley. She was proud to be Elvis Presley's No. 1 fan. For her 70th birthday, she had a huge Elvis-themed party. She always tried to live life to the fullest and see the positive in any situation. She was always the peacemaker in her life.

Shirley deeply loved her husband, children, extended family and her many dear friends. Her big heart had a place for all those closest to her. She cherished her relationship with her niece Holly Klopfenstein. She also enjoyed her time spent with her dear friend Trudy Bull.

Shirley is survived by her husband Wesley Green Sr.; her son Wesley Jr. and his wife Teresa Green; son Victor Green and his wife Jewels Green. She is also survived by her loving grandchildren, Jason and Candi Green, Victor Jr. and Veronica Green, Nick Green, Whitney Green, Erica Green and Brian, Danielle Cunningham, Lyndsey and Travis Brunner, Koren Grandfield and her 23 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother Wally Molander of Anderson, Calif. and his wife Marilyn, sister in law Sherie Molander of Wenatchee, Wash. and Bob Clanton and numerous nieces and nephews.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents Arthur and Helen Molander, sister Lois Sanard, brother Bob Molander, sister Dorothy Clanton and sister Carmel Salsman.

The family would like to thank Hospice for their medical services and emotional and spiritual support for Shirley during her final days. Also a special thank you to Mo and Barbara for their support and taking such good care of Shirley.

There will be a celebration of Shirley's life Saturday May 13 at 2 p.m. at the Arcata McKinleyville Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1200 Central Ave. in McKinleyville. Pastor Ron Mellor will officiate.

Clara Mae Duble

Sept. 30, 1931 – Feb. 24, 2017

Clara Mae Duble, 85, passed away peacefully with family by her side Feb. 24, 2017 in Lakeview, Ore. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great- and great-great-grandma and a good friend.

She lived in Orick for many years with her husband and four daughters. After the girls grew up and moved away, they also moved and lived in Orleans, Arcata and McKinleyville.

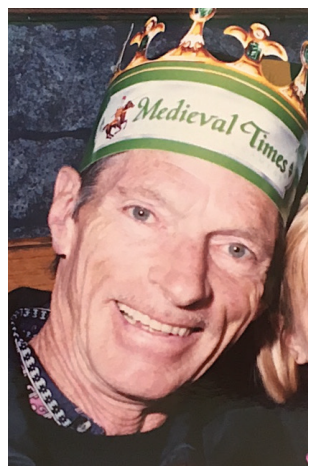
She can now rejoin her husband Otto Duble, sons-in-law Wayne Gray and Michael Davis, her parents, two brothers, many relatives and friends.

She is survived by her daughters, Rhoda Duble, Lola Gray, Carol Davis (Jess Dalrymple), Sue (Billy) Neal, two sisters and their husbands, two brothers and their wives, eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, two aunts, nieces, nephews and many cousins and friends.

A memorial will be held in Lakeview, Ore. Saturday May 6 at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Open Bible, 264 North P St. Dan St. Clair will officiate. Food follows.

Condolences may be sent to the Duble Daughters, c/o Dan St. Clair, Desert Rose Funeral Chapel, 1705 North 4 St. Lakeview, OR 97630.

Jack Arthur William Robbins



Jack Robbins, 82, of Arcata died Thursday, April 27 due to pneumonia at the Mercy Medical Center in Redding.

Born on Aug. 24, 1934 in Oakland, Jack will be best remembered for his intellect, competitive swimming and literally award-winning smile. He enjoyed spending time in nature amongst the redwoods and reading.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Emma "Rusty" Alseth of Everett, Wash., and his dad, William "Jack" Robbins of Myer's Flatt. He is survived by his only child, daughter Roberta "Bobbi" Alba.

A public memorial service will be held at Arcata House Partnership Annex, 501 Ninth St., Arcata, Friday, May 26 from noon to 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Arcata House Partnership, 1005 11th St. Arcata, CA 95521 attn: Darlene Spoor, executive director.

SELF-WORTH EXPLORED Discoveries about developing a healthy sense of self-worth will be explored at Lifetree Café **Sunday, May 14** at 7 p.m. Admission to the 60-minute event is free. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of 13th and Union streets in Arcata and has free coffee and snacks. (707) 672-2919, *bobdipert@hotmail.com*

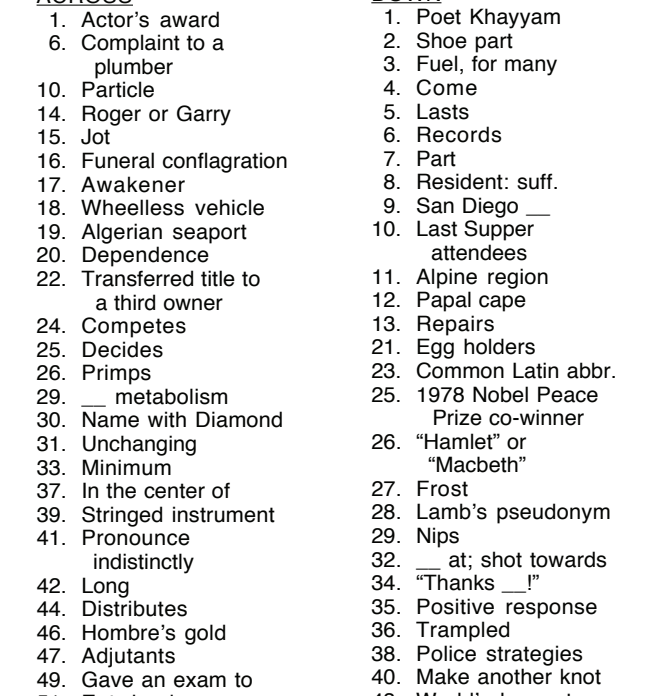
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34. "Thanks __!"
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36. Trampled
38. Police strategies
40. Make another knot
43. World's longest
45. Peter __
48. Go off the track
50. Evening get-together
51. __ wave
52. Ascend
53. Like Odin and Thor
54. African nation
56. Salami supplier
57. Identical
58. Peter I or Ivan V
59. Months: abbr.
62. Ghost's greeting



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The weekly crossword is brought to you by KINETIC KOFFEE
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Fostering isn't forever, but the love is



I mention fostering a lot here. So what's the deal with fostering a dog? Fostering is taking a dog (or cat) into your home and treating it like your own for some period of time.

People foster for all kinds of situations. Puppies and kittens are fostered until they are old enough to be adopted. Sometimes the shelter gets "bottle babies" that are not with the mother but not old enough to be on their own either. These babies need special care to get proper nutrition and socialization.

Some animals arrive at the shelter with medical needs – orthopedic injuries, heartworm, skin issues – that need time to heal before they can go up for adoption. These medical fosters usually have a set time period for the foster, which can make the commitment easier.

And then there are our rescue animals, who need a different environment than the shelter to show their best sides and become adoptable. Our rescue, Redwood Pals Rescue, just handles dogs, but there are many good local cat rescues as well. The shelter can give information to anyone interested in fostering cats.

What makes a good foster home? Any place where a dog is welcomed and wanted can work. We have fosters who have other dogs, some who have cats and other animals, some with children. Homes with fenced yards are usually preferred, but people have fostered from apartments as well, as long as they can meet the animal's exercise needs.

The most important features are consistency and patience, combined with a willingness to explore training options if there are any behavioral issues that need to be addressed. We are always learning along with our fosters and try to provide as much support as possible.

Why would anyone want to foster? There are several reasons. Fostering can provide the opportunity to have a dog in a non-permanent way. We have had several student fosters who have really enjoyed doing that. Some people like having a buddy for their dog, again without the long-term commitment. Families have enjoyed fostering puppies, and being socialized with kids is a plus for the pups. And then there are the wonderful fosters who want to help a dog that doesn't do well in the shelter. We have had many successful adoptions of dogs that had been less than perfect in a kennel environment, but who had blossomed in foster homes. I know that we have enjoyed seeing our foster dogs thrive and go off to bring joy to another family.

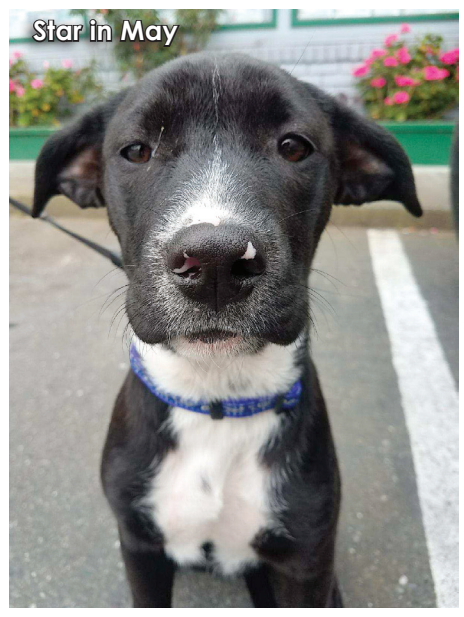
We are always looking for fosters; please email us at *redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com* for more information.



Back in March, six puppies were discovered with terrible noncontagious mange. I described these pups as looking like naked mole rats. We were able to find several foster homes for them and get them out of the shelter for their recovery time. With diligent medical care and lots of TLC, the first of these pups are fully recovered and ready for adoption!



As you can imagine, after seeing a dog through something like this, it's hard to imagine turning them over to the shelter and having them wait in a kennel for adoption. We are featuring them this week in hopes that they will be able to skip the step of returning to the shelter.



Star and Marti are 4-month-old Pit mix females. They are two of the sweetest puppies anyone could hope to meet! They charmed everyone at the veterinarian's office last week as they were pronounced fully recovered.

Their foster mom describes them this way: "Star is full of energy and will be a great 'go with' dog. She is the more curious of the two pups and is always looking for something to do. Marti is the more relaxed homebody type. She will have fun anywhere her person is. Both girls are a bit shy at first, but once they warm up to you they are game for anything! These little girls are ready for their forever person(s) to take them home."

The pups are socialized with cats, other dogs, and active children. They will be spayed, microchipped and fully vaccinated by the time of adoption. They will be adopted through the Humboldt County Animal Shelter, but if you would like to meet them now so they can bypass the step of going back into a kennel, please contact us at *redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com*. We will put you in touch with their foster mom for introductions.

DON'T DUMP AND RUN! As students move out for the summer, they are reminded that dumping belongings by the side of the road (even in free boxes) is illegal. Contact Recology Arcata at (707) 822-0304 for bulky item pickup or donate at the Donation Dash on HSU campus **today through Saturday, May 10 to 13.**

City of Arcata

FINANCE SPECIALIST

$37,619.81 - $45,727.11/yr.

Filing Deadline: 4:00 p.m. May 26, 2017. Performs a variety of responsible clerical and technical duties involved in the preparation, maintenance, and processing of financial and accounting records, including utility billing, accounts payable, accounts receivable, business licenses and other related duties. EOE. Application materials available at: www.cityofarcata.org or City Manager's Office, 736 F Street, Arcata; (707) 822-5953. 5/24



❖ EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Angels is seeking Caregivers, CNAs & HHAs to assist seniors in Fortuna, McKinleyville, and Eureka. Part-time and Full-time, flexible hours. Please call 707-362-8045.

❖ HANDY PAINTER

It's Spring! Time to clean up, fix up and paint. Professional interior house-painter and handyman available. Call Fhyre Phoenix. (951) 290-1568 5/10

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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See crossword on page B4.

Memories of Paula

Memories of Paula smile down at me every day
As I pass by her photos and sketches in our hallway
I find myself always returning her warm smile
While her sketches hold a story of a time and a place
It's a joy keeping them – so pleasant times never leave
It's been six years since Paula was in our daily life
But 50 years together are the years that never left.

Bud





BIRTHS, WEDDINGS AND OBITUARIES The *Union* publishes birth and wedding announcements and obituaries up to 250 words free of charge. Photos are welcome. Email announcements, with photos attached separately, to *editor@madriverunion.com* by 5 p.m. Friday for Wednesday publication.

GRIEF SUPPORT Hospice of Humboldt offers free, drop-in grief support groups every week. The Arcata group meets Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room of Jacoby's Storehouse, 791 Eighth St. Eureka groups meet Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; Fridays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and Saturdays (Slipper Club – casual drop-in session) from 9 to 10:30 a.m., all at the Hospice office, 3327 Timber Fall Ct. The Fortuna group meets Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Brookdale Fortuna (formerly Sequoia Springs), 2401 Redwood Way. The McKinleyville group meets Thursdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Timber Ridge, 1400 Nursery Way. (707) 267-9801 *hospiceofhumboldt.org*

Legal Notices

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 17-00184

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
FIRST CHOICE CARE HOME
456 10TH ST.
FORTUNA, CA 95540
P.O. BOX 620
FORTUNA, CA 95540
LADIES CHOICE, INC.
456 10TH ST.
FORTUNA, CA 95540
This business is conducted by: A Corporation
S/LINDA M. TAYLOR, PRESIDENT & CEO
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on MAR. 28, 2017
KELLY E. SANDERS
AA DEPUTY CLERK
4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 17-00219

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SOUTH FORK FARMS
1910 GORDON ROAD
KNEELAND, CA 95549
WES KNEELAND, A COOPERATIVE CORPORATION C3979111
1910 GORDON ROAD
KNEELAND, CA 95549
This business is conducted by: A Corporation
S/WALTER SOMMERS, DIRECTOR
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APR. 17, 2017
KELLY E. SANDERS
AA DEPUTY CLERK
5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 17-00226

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BOOKMARKTUTOR
1088 N ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521
MARK P. WELLER
1088 N ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: An Individual
S/MARK WELLER, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APR. 24, 2017
KELLY E. SANDERS
SC DEPUTY CLERK
5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 17-00206

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SWEAT PANDA FITNESS
1590 NURSERY WAY #3
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
SWEAT PANDA, LLC
201707910334
1590 NURSERY WAY #3
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company
S/THOMAS O'KANE, MANAGER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APR. 7, 2017
KELLY E. SANDERS
SC DEPUTY CLERK
5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 17-00235

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
SERVPRO OF EUREKA
5670 WEST END ROAD
ARCATA. CA 95521
COUNTRYSIDE CLEAINING & RESTORATION LLC
201521210239
5670 WEST END ROAD
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company
S/ROBERT N. CURRAN, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on APR. 28, 2017
KELLY E. SANDERS
LH DEPUTY CLERK
5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CONSTANCE LEE FOLEY, AKA CONSTANCE LEE HART CASE NO.: PR170125

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: CONSTANCE LEE FOLEY, AKA CONSTANCE LEE HART

A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: HEATHER TIERNEY in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: HEATHER TIERNEY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: June 1, 2017
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 4

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.**Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for the petitioner:
TIFFANY LOPEZ
GALE & NIELSEN
2850 HARRIS STREET
EUREKA, CA 95503
(707) 269-0167 5/3, 5/10, 5/17

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF NITA O. VARNADO CASE NO.: PR170135

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: NITA O. VARNADO

A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: LARRY ROSS VARNADO in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: LARRY ROSS VARNADO be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: June 8, 2017
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 4

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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Attorney for the petitioner:
ARTHUR NIELSEN
GALE & NIELSEN
2850 HARRIS STREET
EUREKA, CA 95503
(707) 269-0167 5/10, 5/17, 5/24

CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294
Case Name:
ELOISE FERRIN, AKA ELOISE ARMSTRONG
Case No.: JV160164

1. To David Wesley Baker and anyone claiming to be a parent of Eloise Ferrin aka Eloise Armstrong born on 6/24/2016 at St. Joseph Hospital, Eureka, California.
2. A hearing will be held on July 19, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.
3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.
4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommendation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.
5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.
6. If the court terminates your parental rights, the order may be final.
7. The court will proceed with this hearing whether or not you are present.

ATTORNEY FOR:
CHILD WELFARE SERVICES
JEFFREY S. BLANCK,
COUNTY COUNSEL #115447
DEBRA AVENMARG, DEPUTY
COUNTY COUNSEL #271366
825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CA 95501
(707) 445-7236
DATE: APR. 13, 2017
Kim L. Bartleson, Clerk, by Katrina W., Deputy 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW) FL170156
Petitioner's Name: Margarita Morales
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: Gumaro Orea
You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page.

You have **30 calendar days** after this *Summons* and *Petition* are served on you to file a *Response* (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you.

If you do not file your *Response* on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.

For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (*www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp*), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

NOTICE–RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

1. The name and address of the court are
Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt
825 Fifth St.
Eureka, CA 95501
2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney are:
Margarita Morales
3018 Smith Lane
Fortuna, CA 95540
Date: FEB 24 2017
KIM M. BARTLESON Clerk, by JA, Deputy

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STANDARD FAMILY LAW RESTRAINING ORDERS

Starting immediately, you and your spouse or domestic partner are restrained from:

1. removing the minor children of the parties from the state or applying for a new or replacement passport for those minor children without the prior written consent of the other party or an order of the court;
2. cashing, borrowing against, canceling, transferring, disposing of, or changing the beneficiaries of any insurance or other coverage, including life, health, automobile and disability, held for the benefit of the parties and their minor children;
3. transferring, encumbering, hypothecating, concealing, or in any way disposing of any property, real or personal, whether community, quasi-community, or separate, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life; and
4. creating a nonprobate transfer or modifying a nonprobate transfer in a manner that affect the disposition of property subject to the transfer, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court. Before revocation of a nonprobate transfer can take effect or a right of suvivorship to property can be eliminated, notice of the changed must be filed and served on the other party.

You must notify each other of any proposed extraordinary expenditures at least five business days prior to incurring these extaordinary expenditures and account to the court for all extraordinary expenditures made after these restraining orders are effective. However, you may use community property, quasi-community property, or your own separate property to pay an attorney to help you or to pay court costs.

NOTICE – ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE: Do you or someone in your household need affordable health insurance? If so, you should apply for Covered California. Covered California can help reduce the cost you pay towards high quality affordable health care. For more information, visit *www.coveredcalifornia.com*. Or call Covered California at 1-800-300-1506.

WARNING–IMPORTANT INFORMATION California law provides that, for purposes of division of property upon dissolution of a marriage or domestic partnership or upon legal separation, property acquired by the parties during marriage or domestic partnership in joint form is presumed to be community property. If either party to this action should die before the jointly held community property is divided, the language of the deed that characterizes how titled is held (i.e., joint tenancy, tenants in common, or community property) will be controlling, and not the community property presumption. You should consult your attorney if you want the community property presumption to be written into the recorded title to the property. 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17

SUMMONS (FAMILY LAW) FL160783
Petitioner's Name: Jaime Lee Cedeno
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: Carl Esposito
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825 Fifth St.
Eureka, CA 95501
2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney are:
Jaime Lee Cedeno
P.O. Box 4721
Arcata, CA 95518
Date: MAR 03 2017
KIM M. BARTLESON Clerk, by Jackson W, Deputy

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act (Bus. Prop. Code Ss 21700-21716). The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 12th day of MAY 2017 at 9 a.m. Bud's Mini Storage, 1180 5th St., Arcata (corner of 5th and K).

#90 Jullaine Huggard
#305 Scott Eddington 5/3, 5/10

CITY OF ARCATA
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR GREENVIEW PARK RENOVATION PROJECT

The City of Arcata is soliciting bids for the GREENVIEW PARK RENOVATION PROJECT.

The WORK consists of furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, incidentals and implementing all work required to perform site improvements, curb, gutter, sidewalk, walkways, accessibility improvements, and sewer improvements at Greenview Park. This work includes, but is not limited to: Clearing and grubbing, demolition and removal, installation of drainage structures and pipes, sanitary sewer clean-outs, concrete, asphalt, detectable warning surface, sign and post relocation, ADA striping and pavement markings, park water system, drinking fountain, landscaping, resurfacing basketball court, and chain-link fencing. The Engineers Estimate for this work is $115,000.00.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 11:00am on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. The meeting will begin at Arcata City Hall in the Council Chambers (736 F Street, Arcata CA 95521) and will be followed by a project site walk-through at Greenview Park, Lewis Avenue, Arcata, CA 95521.

Sealed bids will be received by the City Manager's Office, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521, until **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday May 31, 2017,** at which time they will be transferred to the City Council Chambers where they will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Engineer or his designated representative. Said bids will be referred to the Arcata City Council for consideration at their next regularly scheduled meeting on or after **June 7, 2017**.

Bids received after the specified opening time will not be considered. The bidder is solely responsible for the timely delivery of his bid.

CONTRACTOR shall possess a Class "A" license at the time this contract is bid or a combination of classes required by the categories and type of work included in this contract.

PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND PROPOSAL forms for bidding this PROJECT will be available after **May 3, 2017**;

• For download from City Website www.cityofarcata.org under "Bid on a Project".

• For purchase at City Manager's Office, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521. A printing charge of $25.00 shall not be refundable, plus a shipping and handling fee of $50.00 for mailing of PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS. Checks payable to the City of Arcata and shall be mailed or delivered in person to the Property and Special Projects Manager.

• For viewing at City Manager's Office, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521 and at the Humboldt Builder's Exchange, 1213 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501.

This CONTRACT is subject to State contract non-discrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

The City of Arcata hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The above PROJECT is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. Each contractor or subcontractor listed on the bid proposal must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

Pursuant to Section 1733 of the Labor Code, the Director of California Department of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages. Bidders should contact the Department of Industrial Relations at (415) 703-4281 for General Prevailing Wage Rates on specific job classifications. Future effective wage rates, which have been predetermined, are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations. Bidders are advised that if they intend to use a craft or classification not on file in the general wage determinations, they may be required to pay the wage rate of that craft of classification most closely related to it as shown in the general determinations.

The above PROJECT is subject to uniform construction cost accounting procedures as set forth in the California Public Contracts Code, Section 22000 et seq., the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.

All bidders shall be licensed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

Harold Miller, Property and Special Projects Manager 5/10

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Arcata Elementary School District Board of Trustees is currently seeking persons interested in filing for a position as school trustee. Such a vacancy was created by the resignation of a current trustee. The newly appointed trustee will serve until the next school district election, held in November 2017. Historically, elections within the district have not been necessary, so Board members selected now will likely serve until either November 2020 or 2022, depending on which seat they fill.

Persons interested in this position must be at least 18 years of age, a resident of the Arcata School District, a citizen of California, and a registered voter. Interested persons should submit a concise letter stating reasons for wishing to serve on the Arcata School District Board of Trustees, and include a summary of qualifications. Letters may be delivered or mailed to the Arcata School District Office at 1435 Buttermilk Lane, Arcata CA 95521, emailed to jdaparma@arcatasd.org, or faxed to (707) 822-6589. Letters must be received by 4:00 p.m. on June 7.

We encourage you to contact Dr. Barbara Short, District Superintendent, at (707) 822-0351 for more information. 5/10

CITY OF ARCATA
LEGAL NOTICE
ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1486

I hereby certify that at a regular meeting held on April 19, 2017, the Arcata City Council introduced Ordinance No. 1486, summarized below, *An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Arcata Amending Arcata Municipal Code Title IX—Land Use Code, Section 9.12.020, Zoning Map, and Zoning Districts, Affecting 21 Parcels*, at which time the reading in full thereof was unanimously waived and approval granted for reading the ordinance by title only.

Ordinance No. 1486 was passed and adopted at a regular City Council meting held on May 3, 2017, by the following vote: AYES: Ornelas, Pereira, Pitino, Watson, Winkler. NOES: None. ABSENT: None. ABSTENTIONS: None.

Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata

Summary of Ordinance No. 1486

This ordinance amends the zoning map to rezone public properties consistent with the public use. The properties are developed with public infrastructure such as water and sewer, parks, trails, or open space. The properties will be rezoned to Natural Resource—Public Trust, Natural Resource—Timber Production, or Public Facility to better reflect the existing land use.

The full text of Ordinance No. 1486 is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata, California, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The ordinance will take effect June 2, 2017, BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA. Dated: May 3, 2017.

Bridget Dory, City Clerk, City of Arcata 5/10

CITY OF ARCATA
NOTICE OF ARCATA PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING FOR A LAND USE CODE AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Arcata Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 23, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as can be heard) in the City Council Chambers, Arcata City Hall, 736 F St., to consider a recommendation to the City Council on the project listed below.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Land Use Code text amendments that propose tiered Design Review authority, and permitting and process changes for projects in the City that require Design Review. Proposed Land Use Code text amendments include the following Sections: 9.26.030 Table 2-10 Allowable Land Uses; 9.28.060 Neighborhood Conservation Area Combining Zone; 9.42.140 Outdoor Retail Sales and Displays; Chapter 9.53 Historical Preservation; 9.70.040 Table 7-1 Permit Review Authority; 9.72.040 Design Review, including draft Figure 7-1 Districts and Areas Subject to Design Review and draft 9.72.040.C Table 7-2 Review Authority for Design Review Projects; 9.72.080 Minor Use Permit Applicability and Review Authority; and 9.74 Public Hearings and 9.76 Appeals.

PROJECT TYPE: Land Use Code Text Amendment

LOCATION / ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS / PROPERTY OWNER: Proposed amendments apply to various locations, property owners and to all projects that require Design Review in the City.

APPLICANT: City of Arcata

FILE NUMBER: 156-147-LUC Amendment

ZONING AND GENERAL PLAN: Various districts, zones, and areas in the City.

COASTAL STATUS: Some of the properties subject to these standards are located within the Coastal Zone.

ENVIRONMENTAL: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission find the proposed Land Use Code Design Review amendments are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)3, and based on the City's adopted Environmental Impact Report for the General Plan and Land Use Code. Proposed text amendments to the Land Use Code would not cause a significant effect on the environment because Design Review will still be required and the review process will be transparent and commensurate with project type, size, impact, and location in the City, consistent with City standards and policies.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that anyone desiring to present testimony regarding said project may do so prior to or at the public hearing noticed herein.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the information regarding the proposed project and environmental determination may be reviewed at the Community Development Department at Arcata City Hall, 736 F Street, Arcata on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., or by phone: 707-822-5955. Contact person: Saskia Burnett.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this action is a recommendation to the City Council only and does not constitute a final action. Any concerns of the Planning Commission's final recommendation should be addressed to the City Council when they consider Action on this project.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, pursuant to §1094.5 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, *"If you challenge City action on a proposed project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the hearing body at, or prior to, the public hearing(s)."* 5/10

WHEEL-IN WEDNESDAY Join the Bike Month Humboldt Coalition **today, May 10** and every Wednesday in May for a group commuter ride from Arcata to Eureka. The group departs at 7 a.m. from the Arcata North Coast Co-op.

ARCATA BIKE TO WORK DAY Bike to Work Day kicks off in Arcata at the North Coast Co-op's morning energizer station **Thursday, May 11**, where cyclists wearing helmets will get free hot drinks, snacks and bike tune-ups from 7 to 9 a.m. Then, join the crowd on two wheels for a rally at noon on the Arcata Plaza. Meet fellow cyclists, join the Humboldt Bike Challenge, get a free bike tune-up and show community support for the bicycle as a fun and inexpensive transportation choice. Visit Bike Month Humboldt on Facebook or *humbike.org* to learn about other Bike Month events throughout May!

CONSERVATION MEETING Redwood Region Audubon Society holds its monthly Conservation Meeting **Thursday, May 11** at noon at Rita's Margaritas and Mexican Grill, 1111 Fifth St., Eureka. (707) 445-8311

TRINITY RIVER RESTORATION PROGRAM Join the Redwood Region Audubon Society **Friday, May 12** for a free presentation titled "The Trinity River Restoration Program." The Trinity River has an impressive history of human impacts including intensive gold mining, timber harvest, dam construction, flow regulation and water diversion. Native populations of salmon and steelhead have declined significantly since dam construction. Restoration efforts to improve the native fisheries started in 1976 and have progressively evolved into the modern Trinity River Restoration Program. Andreas Krause, an engineer and geomorphologist with the Yurok Tribe, and Dr. Sarah Rockwell, a research biologist with Klamath Bird Observatory, will talk about the river's history, modern restoration efforts, and the current status of the river's birds. The program starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Rd., Arcata. Bring a mug to enjoy shade-grown coffee, and come fragrance-free.

PLANT SALE Humboldt Grange #501, 25845 Humboldt Hill Rd., hosts its fifth annual Seed Exchange and Plant Sale **Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14**. Plants include annual and perennial flowers, succulents and some vegetable starts. Bring your extra seeds and take some home. Also be ready to pick up some yummy treats from the kitchen bake sale. (707) 498-0801.

BIRD THE MARSH Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary **Saturday, May 13**. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Brad Elvert in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

SEABIRDS AT ELK HEAD Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free walk to view seabirds at Elk Head in Trinidad **Saturday, May 13**. The group will search the rocky shoreline for shorebirds (oystercatchers, turnstones, tattlers) and the offshore rocks for nesting seabirds (murres, cormorants, guillemots). Participants also will attempt to identify the land birds and flowering plants encountered along the trail to the bluffs. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. Meet leader Gary Lester at the Elk Head parking lot in Trinidad at 8:30 a.m. (707) 839-3373, *garys.lester@gmail.com*

WILLOW CREEK BIRDING Join Redwood Region Audubon Society **Saturday, May 13** for an inland birding adventure with leader Melissa Dougherty in Willow Creek. Meet at Studio 299 (75 The Terrace, Willow Creek) after 9 a.m. to arrange carpooling. The group will depart promptly at 9:30 a.m. and end around noon. All ages, abilities and interest levels are welcome! (530) 859-1874, *willowcreekbirdwalks@gmail.com*

FREE E-WASTE COLLECTION Humboldt Waste Management Authority, Blue Lake Casino and the City of Blue Lake host a free collection event for TVs, monitors, laptops, tablets and smart phones **Saturday, May 13** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Blue Lake Casino parking lot, right behind the gas station. It's open to everyone, including businesses, government agencies, schools, and the general public. Other materials cannot be accepted. (707) 441-2005, *info@hwma.net*

TRINIDAD BEACH WORKDAY Help California State Parks save Trinidad State Beach from being taken over by English ivy at a restoration work day **Saturday, May 13** from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants will receive one free day use pass to Patrick's Point State Park. Removing invasive non-native plants is a moderate activity and participants are encouraged to wear sturdy shoes for walking off trail. Gloves and tools are provided but feel free to bring your own. Work locations are less than a half-mile hike from the meeting location. Meet at the parking lot off Stagecoach Road in Trinidad. (707) 677-3109, *Michelle.Forys@parks.ca.gov*.

SHAY PARK WORKDAY Join some spirited Arcata High School students and remove non-native plants, trash and graffiti at Shay Park **Saturday, May 13** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This volunteer workday is sponsored by the City of Arcata's Environmental Services Department and Arcata High School biology students. Volunteers meet at 9 a.m. at Shay Park at the corner of Foster and Eastern Avenues. Tools, gloves, beverages and lunch will be provided. Be sure to wear work clothes and closed-toe shoes or boots. (707) 825-2163, *eservices@cityofarcata.org*

MARSH TOUR Friends of the Arcata Marsh sponsors a free tour of the Arcata Marsh & Wildlife Sanctuary **Saturday, May 13** at 2 p.m. Meet leader Katy Allen at the Interpretive Center on South G Street for a 90-minute walk focusing on the plants and ecology of the Marsh. Loaner binoculars available with photo ID. (707) 826-2359

PANCAKE RIDE Join the Bike Month Humboldt Coalition **Sunday, May 14** for a Pancake Ride to Blue Lake. This casual, group bike ride starts at 9 a.m. at the Arcata Plaza and heads to Blue Lake via West End Road for the Mad River Grange's pancake breakfast. Bring a helmet and cash for those yummy pancakes after you've cycled up an appetite. Visit Bike Month Humboldt on Facebook for further details or call (707) 269-2061. And mark your calendar for one more Pancake Ride on May 20!

HBNWR BIRDING Join Redwood Region Audubon Society **Sunday, May 14** at the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge for a wonderful, two- to three-hour trip for people wanting to learn the birds of the Humboldt Bay area. Beginners are more than welcome. Meet at the Refuge Visitor Center at 9 a.m. (707) 822-3613

GRAY WHALE PARADOX The Explore North Coast and Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center lecture series features Dr James Sumich speaking on "Gray whale populations; the eastern/western paradox" **Monday, May 15** from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center, 921 Waterfront Dr., Eureka. Admission is free. Sumich will discuss the past and current distributions, migration patterns, and genetics of gray whale populations, and some likely future scenarios for this species in the context of our changing global climate. *info@explorenorthcoast.net,* (707) 616-0016

MAKING TRAILS **Twenty-five volunteers from the Volunteer Trail Stewards program celebrated Earth Day, April 22, reconstructing the "temporary" trail at the Jolly Giant creek dam and turning it into a permanent multiuse trail. Volunteers reshaped the trail tread to provide outslope and reshaped, rock armored and rehabbed a swale with logs, ferns and duff to minimize erosion. Five yards of crushed rock were applied to the trail surface and compacted providing an all-weather surface. Maureen McGarry of RSVP, Mary Caulderwood, Edith Harmer and Sandy made fish tacos that were enjoyed by everyone. The only "downer" for the day was learning that the RSVP program may be slated for federal cuts, which could eliminate this vital community program.**

MAUREEN MCGARRY | RSVP













